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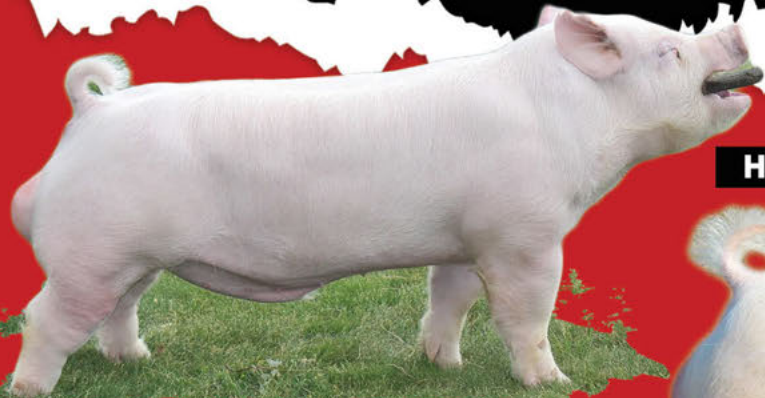
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EDITORIAL

Open Mike

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NSR Chief Executive Officer

The Next Generation

The June issue of the *Seedstock EDGE* is the designated Youth Issue and each family that has a NJSA member will receive a copy of this issue. It is imperative to develop our young people into members of the NSR and into leadership roles, in animal agriculture.

I recently returned from the National Pedigree Livestock Council (NPLC) meetings that were hosted by the American Paint Horse Association in Fort Worth, Texas. Breed executives from the beef, dairy, swine, goat and equine industries were in attendance for the two days of meetings. During these meetings, different speakers presented information and ideas to assist in association management.

The main speaker for this event was Doug Williamson, from the Beacon Group, out of Toronto, Canada. Doug stressed this point to all in attendance, "Your association or organization is one generation from being non-relevant." That point struck home hard! We are aware that change is constantly happening and how the National Swine Registry moves forward with its Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) will assist our business model into the next era. Breed associations are known for their great traditions and sometimes it is hard to see past the accomplishments of current and past members. We know from the data gathered from recent surveys conducted that the average member of the NSR has 10 sows. What a change from the average member in the past. Doug stressed the need to have a fresh perspective with the new generation of membership. This new generation will disrupt the normal patterns of thinking on how business should be conducted. Information is gathered instantly by this group of members by utilizing the internet. They can access information from anywhere in the world.

We also know that many of our NJSA members and their families are not growing up on farms that are involved in production agriculture. As part of the LRSP we feel it is imperative to expose these members to the production aspects of the swine industry. New educational formats and opportunities will be developed to assist in this process. We must take an active role in navigating the future. Will it take a different thought process than in the past? No doubt! Different resources are available to make these programs available through webinars to reach our members in different geographical areas. Be watching for more information as we move forward.

But we must not forget the past history of our association, and never in history has it been more imperative for our leaders and current membership to provide information to the next generation of members regarding our past, and then allowing them to become involved in our business as board members and contributors for our future.

Many of our NJSA members are not aware of the many opportunities (human resources, accounting, engineering, meat science, etc.) that are available in the many facets of the swine industry. We need to cultivate these young people to encourage them to explore these opportunities and become part of our great industry.

These young people are the "next generation" and let's make a positive impact on them so they want to make a difference in our industry.



"These young people are the 'next generation' and let's make a positive impact on them so they want to make a difference in our industry."

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Youth View

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NSR Director of Junior Activities

Junior Board Recognition

Each year it gets harder and harder to put into words how much my junior board members mean to me. If you have ever been to the awards ceremony at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, then you know when it comes time to deliver comments about my retiring members, I am an emotional wreck. The work this group of individuals does for me throughout their time on the board is what keeps the NJSA running and I can't imagine a show or event without them. An important thing to understand about the junior board is that it takes all kinds of kinds to be successful. The six retiring members, that I am going to recognize, all bring something unique and wonderful to the mix, which is what makes the board such a fun group of people to work with.

Cannon Brown is ornerier than dirt and keeps me on my toes. He thinks that he is quite the jokester, and when I mentioned unique personalities above, it was mainly directed at Cannon. And even though he can really be quite sassy, I wouldn't change it for anything. He cracks me up all the time, even when he knows the risk that comes with trying to make me laugh in serious moments. Cannon might not be the most organized person that I work with, but he is a great worker at our shows and he keeps the entire group in good spirits, which is important after we have been together for nine days at World Pork Expo! An added bonus about Cannon is that he is a fellow superhero fanatic so we never run out of things to talk or argue about.

Cody Smith is one of the lone males on the junior board, which means that he gets forced to do the majority of the heavy lifting and dirty work. Plus, Cody gets the same job at every show: manage the holding ring. For those of you that have never had to do this, be thankful because it's neither an easy nor a fun job. There is an occasional raised voice and people tend to take frustrations out on this person, but Cody handles it very well and makes sure that classes are in the back and ready to roll. Additionally, Cody's family is amazing. I have loved the chance to get to know his parents, Kevin and Cindy, and his brother, Wyatt, the past few years during NYLC. This family is hands down one of my favorites and I'm very glad that I had the opportunity to get to know them over the years.

The first time that I really met Hannah Lauffenburger was at the Arizona Nationals and I was immediately impressed by her willingness and eagerness to be working the show ring. Before she was on the junior board, Hannah worked both the Arizona Nationals and National Western show rings, purely because she wanted to be in the ring. That's when I knew that I needed to have her on the junior board. Working a show ring means a long day and sore feet, so not everyone is willing to volunteer their time to do that, but Hannah loves it and she has been a great asset to our team throughout the past year.

And last, but certainly not least, Jessica Page. This young lady has grown tremendously in her year on the board; this became apparent to me at the 2017 National Youth Leadership Conference, when she literally crushed it during the lip sync battle in a SOLO PERFORMANCE! First off, she's the only person that went up there alone and then she turns around and wins the contest. To say I was impressed is an understatement. Along with her great lip syncing skills, Jessica works her tail off at every single show she has been at and does anything that I've asked of her.

You've probably noticed that I didn't get around to describing two of the retiring junior members, and it's because I have too many wonderful things to say about this retiring group that I couldn't squeeze it into one editorial! Check back next month to read what I have to say about the retiring president and vice president of the junior board.



"Each year it gets harder and harder to put into words how much my junior board members mean to me."

Kaley S. Bontrager

Thoughts from the Word



Hello one and all out there in *Seedstock EDGE* land. I want each of you to know how honored we are to write to you in each issue of this magazine. Today I want to take you to Deuteronomy 30:19, *"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."* I read this scripture and thought immediately about how long and hard we look for hogs for every season. You see, we search so long and hard because our choices have consequences! If we make wrong choices sometimes we just aren't going to win. I know we live in a time today where everything is acceptable, but I truly believe our choices are vital to our success, in and out of the ring. I encourage you to choose life today by choosing to do what God's word ask of you. God desires us to submit our hearts to him even when it's hard! You see, if we choose God's way, that in itself is choosing life. So in short, no matter what you're walking through today please choose God's path. I promise life and blessings wait at the end.

We love each of you dearly. Please feel free to contact me at 806.790.9298 anytime you need to visit or pray.

In Him,

Ray Perryman and family

EDITORIAL

Fueling Creativity

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NSR Director of Marketing & Communications

Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes (Turn and face the strange)

If there is one thing that I both hate and love, it's change. Time marches on and sometimes I'm in step, and other times I feel left behind. This is especially relevant with this June issue of *Seedstock EDGE* since it is the Youth Issue.

Even at 42 years old, I still feel pretty young most of the time. However, there are definitely things that make me feel old, real quick.

Music. I have pretty eclectic tastes, I will listen to rock, country, jazz, classical and blues – pretty much anything except rap. Music from the end of the 1960s through the 1980s are my go-to decades. So when I mention most of my favorite bands and singers to my younger co-workers, I get a look of incomprehension about what I am talking about.

Movies. It's hard to believe but some of my co-workers have not seen *Star Wars*, *Jaws*, *Ghostbusters* (original), *Raiders of the Lost Ark* or *Caddyshack*. How am I supposed to use classic quotes from these movies in a conversation if no one has seen them?

Vehicles. It seems like a vehicle is just a way to get from point A to B nowadays. There are exceptions to this, especially in agriculture circles, but most cars are about how efficient (Prius, yeck!), how connected and how good the stereo is rather than the pride of having a vehicle you have worked on with your own two hands. I had a 1970 F-100 as my first vehicle and I named it "White Magic." It was a two-wheel drive, long-bed pickup with a 302 V-8 and three on the tree. It had dual glasspack mufflers and sounded like heaven.

All of these things go to show that, what at one time I thought impossible has happened – I have turned into my father. NOOOOO!!!!!!!

With all that being said, I also believe that I have a responsibility to try and stay current with recent trends and technology. Once you stop learning, you stagnate and no one wants that. I believe this holds true for everyone in our industry, even the rocks that have been the foundation for all these years. If you would ask any one of them, I believe they would tell you that their success has to do with keeping up with what the current trends are, and even if they themselves do not fully understand some of the current trends and technology, they have tried to surround themselves with people who do and these people help bridge that gap of understanding for them.

That is what is great about the youth coming up through the NJSA organization. They have the understanding of the current trends and technology as young adults, but for the most part, also have the family history of raising and selling livestock. They are our future and deserve to be heard even if they don't know why, "We need a bigger boat" or why you have to "Be the ball."



"All of these things go to show that, what at one time I thought impossible has happened, I have turned into my father. NOOOOO!!!!!!!"

Stephen Weintraut II

THE BUTCHER'S BLOCK



PRIMAL CUT
LEG



HAM BASICS Courtesy of the National Pork Board

Cured ham is leg meat that has been dry- or wet-cured. Hams are labeled according to the amount of water added to the ham during the curing process. Because the leg muscle is a well-exercised part of the hog, ham is surprisingly low in fat.

Hams are dry-cured by rubbing salt and spices into the meat's surface. Wet-curing involves a brine solution that contains water, salt, sugar and spices. Dry-cured hams are known as 'country-style.' Wet cured hams are most common.

Wet-cured hams are most commonly available in three varieties. Ham with natural juices is a favorite for a dinner centerpiece. This type of ham has had little water added during the curing process. Its velvety texture and attractive appearance make it an ideal choice for holiday meals. Ham with water added retains more water during the curing process than ham with natural juices. This type of ham is ideal for steaks, thin-slicing and shaving. Ham and water product is a common type of ham, most often found at the deli counter. This type of ham has the most water added of all the ham varieties. It is a great choice for ham that's intended to be served cold.

A specialty of the Southern U.S., old-fashioned, country-style or Southern-style ham is dry cured and contains no added water. It is extremely salty and usually served in small portions, very thinly sliced.

All varieties of cured ham are either boneless or bone-in. Bone-in hams are traditionally considered more attractive and boneless are considered easier to serve because of simplified carving. Bone-in hams are available in a variety of shapes – whole or as a shank or butt half. Boneless hams also are available in a variety of sizes.

Most hams are fully cooked, as noted on the label. Cooked hams can be served cold or after warming in the oven. Uncooked hams should be heated to an internal temperature of 145° F, followed by a 3-minute rest time.

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2017 Illinois Pork Leadership Institute Applications Open

The Illinois Pork Leadership Institute (IPLI) is a summer trip intended for students ages 16-22 interested in the pork industry and agri-tourism. The trip will take place June 26-29, 2017. We have a beginning list of activities on our website along with the application. Some of the highlights this year are: Tours of Quincy Farm Products, Purina Mills and Moon Ridge Foods, Mastermind Escape Room, "Taste of STL" food tour, cooking class, and more!

Interested students need to fill out the application and turn it in to the IPPA office (or by email to jenny@ilpork.com) by June 1. Cost of the trip is only \$100, the rest is sponsored. We can take up to 30 students.

To learn more about IPLI and find the application as well visit ilpork.com/about/pork-youth/article/il-pork-leadership-institute.

NSR NEWS

Zwilling joins NSR staff

The National Swine Registry (NSR) welcomed Clay Zwilling to the team, in May, as the Vice President of Member Outreach and Youth Development. In his new role, Zwilling will be involved with various functions of all NSR departmental efforts; however, he will be specifically responsible for the oversight and implementation of programs and activities related to the shows and sales, marketing and communications, and youth development programs, all of which are fundamental to the success of NSR.



Clay Zwilling

Clay was raised on a small grain and purebred livestock operation in West Illinois. He attended Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., and later transferred to Oklahoma State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Agricultural Education. While at OSU, Clay was named an All-American Livestock Judge and was on the 2012 National Champion Livestock Judging Team. He also earned his master's degree from Texas A&M University.

Prior to joining the NSR, Clay worked at Farm Credit Illinois as the Director of Marketplace Education and Development, leading the association's educational and young farmer programs. Clay is a past Illinois FFA State President and stays involved with the National FFA by serving as the Livestock CDE Superintendent. In his spare time, Clay enjoys spending time with his wife Deanna, watching college football and traveling.

Dotson joins NSR staff

The National Swine Registry (NSR) welcomed Rachel Dotson to the team, in May, as the *Seedstock EDGE* Production Manager. In her new role, Dotson coordinates the production of the *Seedstock EDGE*, the official publication of the NSR. She will manage all magazine advertising efforts and contribute content to all communication platforms used by the NSR.



Rachel Dotson

Rachel Dotson graduated from the University of Missouri (Mizzou) studying science and agricultural journalism. Dotson grew up in Hamilton, Mo., where she was actively involved in 4-H and FFA. Her family has been raising and showing pigs since 1973, and Dotson has been glad to carry on the tradition. After high school, she attended Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kan., on a livestock judging scholarship. She continued her collegiate judging career at Mizzou. Dotson was also the 2016 Marketing & Communications Intern for the summer show season.

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SEPT. 1-3, 2017
NJSA
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
Woodward, Okla.

BIRTHS



MILA NICOLE SANDERS

Feb. 8, 2017

DJ and Amara Sanders with Sanders Showpigs are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Mila Nicole Sanders who was born Feb. 8, 2017 in Lafayette, Ind. Mila weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. She is welcomed by her grandparents Denny and Cheryl Sanders and Chris and Susan Danner.

BIRTHS



WILL THOMPSON

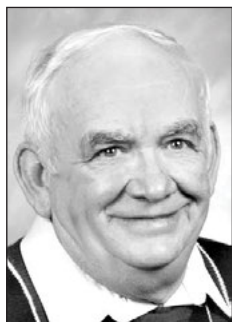
March 22, 2017

Luke and Janeen Thompson of Pleasantville, Ohio, are happy to announce the arrival of their son Will Thomson who was born March 22, 2017. The Thompson's also have a son, Rhett, age 4.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM E. (BILL) WILLIAMS

1937-2017



William E. (Bill) Williams, 80, of Shirley passed away quietly in his sleep April 5, 2017 at Hickory Creek New Castle. Born February 14, 1937, he is preceded in death by his parents, Hollis and Miriam Williams (Yankuner).

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janice (Miller), daughter Kathy (Sam) Sparks of Shirley, two grandsons, Charles (Tabitha) Sparks and Russell Sparks of Shirley, two great grandsons, Nate and Nick Sparks. Also a son, Patrick Williams.

Bill was a lifelong resident of Henry County and raised purebred Yorkshire Breeding Stock swine, as well as retired from Eli Lilly. He attended Purdue University and is a member of the Purdue Livestock Hall of Fame Honorees.

Bill enjoyed his grandchildren and livestock shows of all kinds and 4-H.

Visitation was held Saturday, April 8, 2017, at Condo and Son Funeral Home in Wilkinson, followed by services with Dan D'Angelo officiating and burial following at McCray cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Henry County 4-H Association in memory of Bill Williams, 1201 Race Street, Suite 303, New Castle, IN 47362.

Note from Dan Baker

Bill and Jan's Yorkshires contributed greatly to the growth of the Yorkshire breed during the 1960's-1980's. They purchased BV7 Break Thru 21-11 from Bona Vista Farms. This boar was mentioned often in Wilbur Plagers' "History of Yorkshires" book. They had the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Overall at the Indiana State Fair when Yorks were not known for winning barrow shows. They exhibited many state and national winners including the Grand Champion Gilt at the 75th anniversary year for Yorkshires Conference in Lansing, Mich. In 1968. Bill's father Hollis, managed the Meadow Lake Research Farm, Louisville, Ky. A prominent Yorkshire herd of the time mentioned often in Yorkshire history.

GARY TOENJES

1945-2017



Gary Toenjes age 71, died Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Shady Rest Care Center, Cascade following a battle with brain cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday morning, April 26, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Monticello with interment in the Antioch Cemetery, Anamosa. Rev. Fr. Paul Baldwin officiated at the services. Thoughts, Memories and

Condolences may be left at www.goettschonline.com.

Surviving his wife Shirley, three sons Lance (Michelle), Rodney (Beth) and Brent; five grandchildren, Colby, Makenzie, Aubrey, Kaleb and Mya; a brother, Randy (Debbie) Toenjes, all of Anamosa; his sister, Janice (Doug) Secrist, Viola, brothers and sisters-in-law Elizabeth Heims, of Anamosa, Leo (Janet) Cook and Stanley (Roberta) Cook, Rose Cook, and his aunt Ruby Toenjes, all of Monticello and many nieces and nephews.

Gary Toenjes was born October 27, 1945 at Anamosa, Iowa. He was the son of Leslie and Pauline Anderson, Toenjes. Gary graduated from the Anamosa Community Schools in 1964. He then started custom combining to get his start in farming. Gary married Shirley Cook on January 25, 1969 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Anamosa. The couple farmed in the Anamosa area, moving to their current farm in 1974. Gary raised registered Duroc boars for many years.

Gary was a Jackson Township Trustee, a member of the Iowa and Jones County Pork Producers, the Jones County Fair Board, the Rural Fire Board, and the Duroc Association. He was also a Cornelius Seed Corn Salesman in his spare time. Gary had been a 4-H leader for the Cass Center Hustlers and enjoyed bowling in the Monticello Bowling League. He especially enjoyed going to all of his grandchildren's activities and playing cards with family and friends.

JAMES KENNETH TROWBRIDGE

1955-2017



James Kenneth Trowbridge, age 61, of rural Archbold passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. He was born Aug. 14, 1955 at Wauseon to Kenneth W. and Barbara "Louise" (Gear) Trowbridge.

On Oct. 4, 1980 Jim married Sherry (Connin) and she survives. Together they had two sons, Thomas James (Heather) Trowbridge of rural

Archbold and John Kenneth Trowbridge of Sylvania. He is also survived by one grandson, Tucker James Trowbridge.

In addition, Jim is survived by his sisters, Carolyn (Jeff) Walters of Defiance, Marilyn (Bob) Nussbaumer of West Unity, Karen (Ken) Bergstedt of Liberty Center, Jane (Dennis) Johnson of Columbus and many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Jim was a life-long farmer raising purebred Spot hogs, grain farming, and even milked cows in his younger years. He had a love for his pigs and traveled to many states showing the Spot breed that was started by his father in 1942. In doing so, he was the recipient of many awards, one of which included being inducted into the Spotted Breed Hall of Fame in 2015 at the Ohio State Fair. Other awards include: FFA State Farmer Degree (1973), Winner of FFA State Swine Proficiency Award (1974), and Member

of National Spotted Swine since 1964, and Honorary Chapter FFA Degree (2003). He is also a member of the Fulton County Pork Producers and National FFA Alumni. Jim loved helping young children get involved in 4-H and FFA and sharing his love of hogs. He was always there to give advice or lend a helping hand; a trait that has been passed down through his family. His generous heart has given away many Spotted pigs over the years and he did so until his final hours. On Monday evening, Jim donated a gilt to a young man as part of the Ohio Spot Association Donor gilt program for 2017. This is just the kind of man he was showing great character and integrity.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother (January 2017) and father (November 1992).

Jim's passion was in the barn, but his love was shown in the home. He was a loving husband, a great father, an even better grandfather, and a caring brother and uncle. Visitation for Jim was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Solid Rock Community Church in West Unity. Visitation was continued on Wednesday, May 3, followed by a funeral service, also at the church, with Pastor Randy Evers officiating. The family requests that memorial contributions go to the family so that they may use the funds to memorialize Jim at the hog shows at both the Williams and Fulton County Fairs. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.grisierfh.com. Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon has been entrusted with arrangements.

WILLIAM (BILL) FUNDERBURG

1938-2017



William (Bill) Funderburg, age 78, of Greenville, Ohio, passed away at 10 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2017, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He was born August 31, 1938, to the late Edwin and Edythe (Lightle) Funderburg.

Bill graduated from Greenville High School in 1956 and Wittenburg University, where he played and coached basketball. After college he

taught school and then began to build a successful swine operation for the next 50-plus years, with customers and friends all over the United States and abroad. Bill served on the boards of the YMCA, Township Zoning and the Greenville Schools along with many State and National Pork Committees. He was an avid basketball fan and attended Bible Study Fellowship in Richmond, Indiana. He was very proud of all of his grandchildren and loved to spend time with them and give encouragement in his own special way. They will miss him very much.

Bill is survived by his high school sweetheart, Carol (Maxwell) Funderburg, whom he married June 5, 1960.

Also children, Anne (Mike) McKinney, Kathy (Matt) Littlefield, Susan (Dennis) Light, Karin (Jason) Aslinger all of Greenville, and Bill (Shelly) Funderburg of Westerville, Ohio; grandchildren Hannah (Chad) Kingrey, Claire (Wes) Wirrig, Chloe and Libby McKinney, Addie (Derek) Leis, Elliott (Kacey) Littlefield, Mitchell (Sydney) Littlefield, Celia (Ivan) King, Isabelle, Ella, Meredith and Mac Littlefield, Chloe, Ellie and Micah Light, Jack and Emma Funderburg, Audrey, Jacob and Hallie Aslinger; great granddaughter, Charlotte Wirrig; brother, Tom (Glenna) Funderburg, and brothers in law, Bill Watson and Jim Troxell.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, May 13, 2017, in the First Presbyterian Church 114 East Fourth Street, in Greenville, with Rev. Dr. John Person officiating. The family received friends on Friday in the Zechar Bailey Funeral Home in Greenville, and on Saturday until time of the services in the church.

It is the wishes of the family that memorial contributions be given to the Cancer Association of Darke County or the charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be sent to www.zecharbailey.com.

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Q: How many copies do I need of my pedigree?

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A: Summer Type Conference has some health requirements that differ from other shows. Be sure to thoroughly read all health requirements on *nationalswine.com*.

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A: Unloading will begin Monday, July 3, 2017, at 3 p.m. and will last through the night. All Summer Type and Summer Spectacular hogs must be in place by 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

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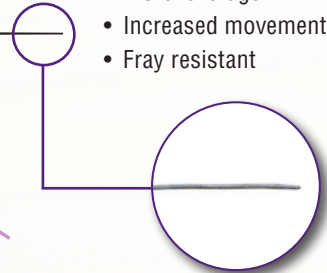
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Every Day Counts

By Christy Couch Lee



PREPARING FOR A CAREER IS MORE THAN JUST THE INTERVIEW.

Often, the idea of landing a job brings thoughts of interviews, applications and resumes to mind.

Of course, these are all important aspects. But the process of landing a dream career begins way before that point, says Craig Spray, Sales Development Lead for Beck's Hybrids.

Spray's role is to identify, recruit, interview and hire for the sales and agronomy divisions of the business. He travels to Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin to meet those needs. And, he says, the youth of today are affecting their future jobs and careers in their everyday activities, whether or not they even realize it.

To secure your dream job of tomorrow, you must begin the work today with a focus on networking, work experience and yes – interview and resume writing skills, too.

Get in the know.

First and foremost, Spray says, networking is essential to prepare for future success.

"It's not always what you know, but can be who you know, too," he says. "If I could give youth any advice, it would be to network as much as you can. I introduce my seven year old to every legend in the swine industry, and I have him shake their hands. I understand the value of networking. Their paths may never cross again, but they may. And if you're too intimidated to approach the legends of the industry, find a mentor to walk you up to those folks and introduce you to them. Chances are, they want to see this industry

thrive for a long time, and integrating the next generation into this great industry is a big part of that."

Your interactions with those in your industry will be remembered – both good and bad, he says.

"College students today sometimes struggle with soft skills – there's a lot of room for improvement here," Spray says. "You must make eye contact and have a firm handshake. You must be able to confidently carry on a conversation with an adult."

Spray says parents and educators should work to help youth develop these skills, and he believes those involved in youth activities such as NJSA, FFA and 4-H typically have an advantage.

"So many kids are intimidated to talk to an adult, and if I ask a simple question, they can't formulate a response," he says. "We have raised our youth in an age when they text their feelings and thoughts, and they don't talk face-to-face anymore. It's definitely surfacing in professional situations."

First impressions count.

Once you get the interview, what can you do to stand out? Spray says to remember the value of professionalism and preparation.

When dressing for an interview, Spray says, know the work environment of the job for which you're interviewing and dress appropriately.

"Do you need a suit and tie? Not necessarily," he says. "You want to be professional. But often, for the jobs for which I interview, khakis

and a nice shirt are appropriate. You want to dress to impress – with a pressed shirt and pants."

And to stand out from the rest, researching the company or organization is essential prior to the interview.

"Everyone goes to the homepage of the website to get the basic information," Spray says. "But I want to see that a person has gone deeper than just the homepage, and have talked to folks who have experience with Beck's. It tells me they have done their homework and are serious."

Always be prepared with questions for the interviewer, Spray says.

"There is nothing worse than for an interviewee to have no questions when given the chance to ask," he says.

Finally, be yourself.

"Be yourself, and be honest," Spray says. "If you don't know the answer to something, it's always best for the interviewee to simply say they don't know the answer, rather than making up an answer. And then to follow up with an e-mail containing the answer really sets a person apart."

Professional follow-up is also key, and extra details can go a long way, Spray says.

"Many people send a thank-you e-mail following an interview," he says. "But handwritten notes are a lost art, and they carry a lot of weight. Less than 10 percent send handwritten notes, and there is so much power in that gesture."

Experience matters.

Although an interview is important, Spray says, he doesn't base his decisions solely on this moment.

"Human beings can be unpredictable," he says. "Someone can have the best day of their life in an interview and you can find out you missed a major problem. That's why we say the only way to predict someone's future performance is to look at their past performance. Past performance is the best indicator of future success."

For this reason, Spray says, internships are essential.

"Internships are 100 percent paramount, in our opinion," he says. "They show you have some ambition and desire to learn new things."

If possible, Spray recommends youth pursue three different internships in three different sectors – for example, in sales, research and agricultural communications; or finding internships in three different fields – like ag lending, equipment and seed.

"It might be a stretch, but it will help you find balance and discover what you're passionate about," he says. "Having those diverse internships shows that you have had to beat a lot of people to get those positions, and it sets you apart."

As well, he says, youth should consider their entire NJSA, 4-H, FFA and college careers as resume-building opportunities.

"You're building your resume, even when you don't think you are, by the people you meet, the interactions you have and the jobs you do or don't do," he says. "People are watching how well you do each of these things – how you handle yourself in business dealings or social settings. You're building your resume, whether you realize it or not."

The resume.

Much emphasis is placed on resumes. But, Spray says, he doesn't spend much time evaluating those that cross his desk.

"An average resume is going to get less than 10 seconds of viewing for me," he says. "The resume needs to be clear and concise."

The best resumes are one page, he says. Begin with contact information at the top, followed by education and work experience from most

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– Craig Spray

recent to least recent. Round out the page with extracurricular and community activities, followed by awards and recognition.

A surefire way to be passed by, Spray says? Submit a resume with typos and grammatical errors.

"The cardinal sin of resumes is grammatical or spelling errors," he says. "You must read your resume over and over again before you submit it. There must be no grammatical errors. And if there are any errors? That resume is trash-can material."

With a focus on your everyday activities and interactions; developing relevant experience; and working to build a network of professionals and mentors, you can find success as you enter the job market following graduation. Every day counts.



Meet Craig Spray

Craig Spray showed pigs through 4-H as a youth, and attended Purdue University where he participated on the livestock judging team. He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 2002, and began his career with Beck's Hybrids in a field sales position.

"For eight years, I worked in direct sales, calling on farmers and working to secure seed salesmen in west central Indiana," Spray says. "I was fortunate to hire good dealers and grow sales – and that's largely because of the people I surrounded myself with. You're only as good as the people you choose to surround yourself with."

Because of this success, he was promoted to a Beck's Hybrids area team leader position in 2010, where he was responsible for overseeing nine district managers in Illinois and Indiana.

"I realized pretty quickly that I was not put on this earth to manage people," Spray says. "My passion is in sales – I love the thrill of helping people overcome challenges and find solutions."

He realized this thrill again in the fall of 2011, when he transitioned to a recruitment role for Beck's Hybrids.

"Now, instead of selling a bag of seed, I'm selling the company – and I'm very passionate about how our company differentiates itself in the industry," Spray says. "I'm going after the 'all stars.' If I were recruiting for Purdue University's men's basketball team, for example, I'm not going to high schools to recruit. I'm going to other college programs to recruit their All Americans. The large majority of our hires today come from existing ag industry representatives."

He and his wife, Emily, have three children: Makayla, 9; Keegan, 7; and Landrey, 5.

The Sprays enjoy their summers at pig shows across Indiana and the country. They are active in the Indiana jackpot circuit, as well as exhibiting at the World Pork Expo, NJSA Summer Spectacular and Team Purebred National Junior Show.



HOW TO KNOW THE JOB IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

Craig Spray, Sales Development Lead for Beck's Hybrids, recruits and hires talent as a career.

When talking to potential employees, he asks them to rank these five aspects of a career from most to least important, then determine how well the potential opportunity would align with those aspects most important to the person.

There are no right or wrong answers, but knowing your priorities can help you ensure a job is a good fit – both for you and for your potential employer.

- 1. COMPANY CULTURE.** Do you align well with the company and its morals, values and beliefs?
- 2. JOB DESCRIPTION.** What will you be doing on a daily basis? Will it be enjoyable and a good fit?
- 3. SUPERVISOR.** Will you be working for someone you appreciate and respect? Will you be happy to make them look good? If you make them look good, they can promote you in the future.
- 4. LOCATION.** Are you living where you want to live?

“College students get scared, because they’re told they must be willing to relocate,” he says. “But you also have to be honest with yourself. Don’t try to convey that you are willing to relocate if that’s not you.”

- 5. COMPENSATION.** How suitable are the salary, benefits and bonuses?



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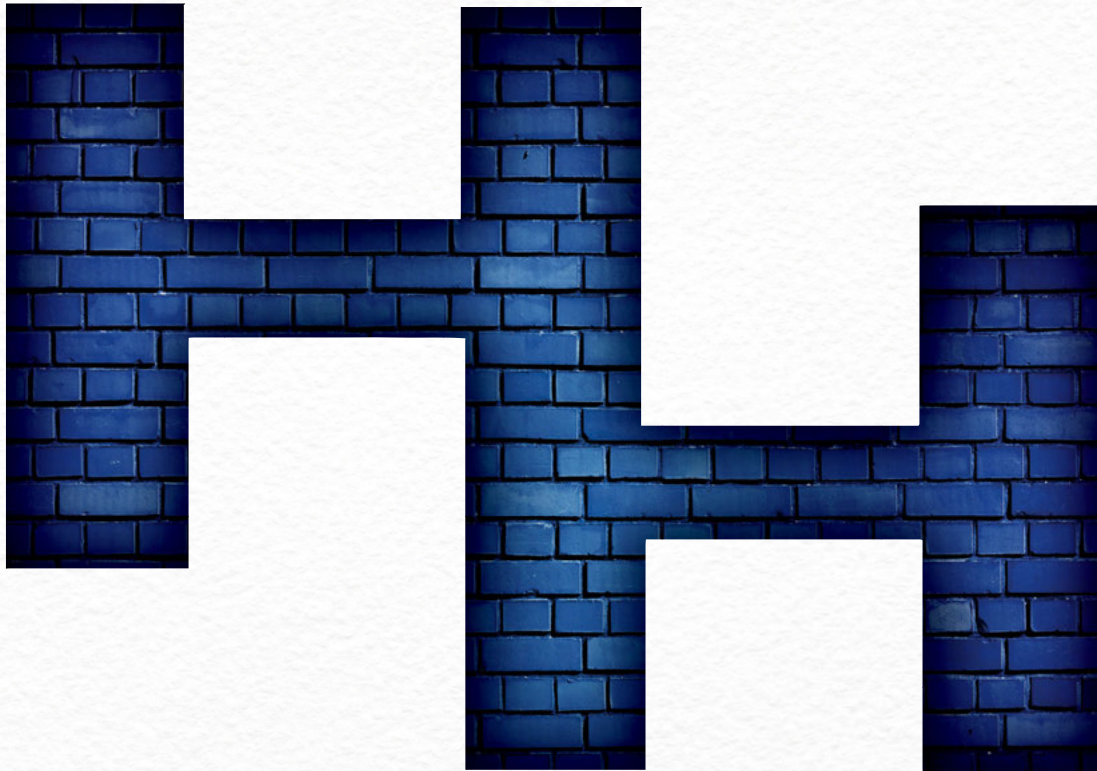
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THE VALUE OF AN INTERNSHIP



by Cassie Godwin

Having an internship, during your college years, can help you in your future career by providing an insight into the many opportunities companies have to offer. Having an internship allows you to gain professional, real-world experience, while also giving you the chance to learn if that career path is right for you.

Over the next few pages, we have chosen to highlight several NJSA Junior Board Directors who have had a variety of internships for several prominent agricultural companies and let them write about what their internships did for them.



Name: Caleb Grohmann

Education: University of Missouri-Columbia

Major: Animal Science, Minor in Statistics and Agricultural Economics

Internship: The Maschhoff's

What were your internship responsibilities?

My internship responsibilities varied day by day. Occasionally, I was in the office doing data analysis as a part of the Genetics Team. On other days, I was in the barns helping allot pigs for research trials. Moreover, some days, I was traveling to the five different regions conducting mortality data validation and evaluating sows on structural soundness to get a better idea of sow removal before parity five.

What resources did/do you use to learn about internship opportunities?

I used resources within my department at the University of Missouri, as well as resources I have developed throughout my years within the Maschhoff's. The Maschhoff's and my family's farm, Cedar Ridge Farms, have worked together toward genetic improvement of swine breeding animals, so I started to build connections within the Maschhoff's early in my high school career. As I went to college, I used these resources to aid in finding a position as an intern that fit my interests and would facilitate experiential learning that would benefit my career.

What advice would you give to a college student considering applying for an internship?

I would say, in an instant, go for it. What better way to learn about a career path you enjoy than to actually gain experiences within that field? I believe there is no better way to develop skills that will be applicable and practical in future careers than to complete an internship with a company that has goals that align with your interests. Additionally, internships can help build networks of professionals and connections that will last a career!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Don't hesitate to ask questions. Also, take time to learn about commercial pig production as it is going to take young agriculturalists with your passion for pigs, intellectualism, and work ethic to push the swine industry to new heights for generations to come.



Name: Brenna Beard

Education: Purdue University

Major: Agriculture Sales & Marketing

Internship: DuPont Pioneer Agronomy Sales

Most difficult part of my internship:

Learning how to adapt and plan out my day efficiently.

Most valuable takeaway:

Learn as much as you can when given the opportunity. Ask questions that you don't know the answer to and you'll most often be surprised by all the information you can obtain.

How did you get your internship?

I attended the fall Purdue Agricultural Career Fair where I spoke with representatives and later interviewed for the position.



Name: Danika Miller

Education: Purdue University (bachelor's), Iowa State (Master of Science)

What was your internship title?

1. Formula Management Intern
2. Research and Development Intern
3. Research and Development Intern

What were your internship responsibilities?

As an intern, I was given multiple projects to work on throughout the summer. On each of those projects I was given a goal or a few objectives to complete and report to the company what I found. I was also responsible for shadowing other technologists to learn more about how different products were manufactured. At the end of my internships, I was responsible for developing and presenting my research projects to upward management and the entire research and development department.

What surprised you about your internship?

I was truly surprised at the differences between the three managers and cultures in both companies I worked with. I also was pleasantly surprised at how much companies value and invest in their interns. Everyone actively tried to help me develop new skills and have fun along the way. I was also surprised at what I was capable of and at how much I still have to learn.

What was the most difficult aspect of your internship?

One of the most challenging things for me was finding confidence to make decisions on my own projects. With each project however,



Major: Food Science, Minor in Meat Science

Internships: Land O' Frost, Tyson Foods Inc.

I was able to practice and now I am a more self-motivated and confident person.

What was the most valuable thing you learned from your internship?

I learned real time management skills, as well as how to communicate bad news to managers. I learned how to individually fail and make mistakes but to admit it and fix it. I also learned so much about practical meat and food processing, as well as the product development process.

How did you get this internship?

My first internship I was able to attain through the Purdue University Agricultural Career Fair. My internships following that with Tyson were the products of past internship experience, as well as using my livestock family contacts.

What resources did/do you use to learn about internship opportunities?

I used my expert googling skills, as well as a job posting calendar for Purdue's Food Science Department. Also, the most useful tool was the face to face meetings at career fairs. Before each career fair the companies were all published online and in booklets. I would search through and highlight companies which said they were looking for food science interns, look them up and find them at the career fair. I tried to find at least 5 interesting questions to ask about each company from their website to show I did my homework before visiting their booth.

What advice would you give to a college student considering applying for an internship?

Do it! You will gain more knowledge in 10 weeks than you will in all four years of your college career. Also, look for internships outside your comfort zone, move away from home, and try a position you hadn't considered before. You will learn more about yourself and what you actually want out of life. Remember, internships are stepping stones to finding a dream career path!

If you could go back and tell yourself a piece of advice regarding your internship experience, what would it be?

Breathe, and stop trying to have all the

answers. Ask more questions and talk to more people in the company. Also, take time to check the details (which is where I made most of my mistakes).

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Internships are becoming the absolute norm for college and career development. Get involved with meaningful opportunities. If you have the chance to do a part time job while going to school avoid McDonalds or the mall. Make that job something related to what you want to do with your life or as an assistant within your academic department. These experiences will add value to your resume and will build contacts who have a network relevant to your goals.



Name: Lexi Delaney

Education: Iowa State University

Major: Double Major in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications

Internships: Marketing and Communications Intern for Swine Genetics International (SGI)

What surprised you about your internship?

What surprised me most about

my internship were the skills and knowledge you learn from hands on experience, not in the classroom. You learn in the classroom the science or process behind it and then get to put it to the test in your internship experience. Being able to shadow and learn from industry professionals is extremely beneficial not only to improve your skills, but also build your professional network.

How did you get this internship?

Growing up showing pigs, I have made great connections with older showmen, breeders and professionals in the industry. This highlights the statement, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." I was approached by the CEO of SGI, Nick Berry, and their opportunity they had as a chance to be the first intern for the company. I had showed

pigs for Nick previously and he was able to pick up on my hard work ethic and dedication in the show ring and wanted to bring that into a work setting.

What advice would you give to a college student considering applying for an internship?

It's critical for college students to realize employer's seeking out for interns does not start at the fall Career Fair; it starts as a young 4-Her, FFA member and NJSA showman. You are constantly representing yourself at shows and on social media, so make sure to always have a respectable attitude because someone is always watching. Employers recruiting for agriculture jobs love to see agriculture-related youth organizations on your résumé. This is your ticket to the interview. These employers know we're raised with integrity, knowledge and passion and they want that drive in their employees.

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PROSPECTS



Champion Overall & Champion Berkshire Male Prospect

Shown by Glenn Craft, Okla.
 Sold to Carson McDavid, Ind., for \$800.



Res. Champion Overall & Champion Yorkshire Gilt Prospect

Shown by Todd Hopkins & Family, Ind.
 Sold to Lean Value Sires, Ohio, for \$950.



Not Pictured

Champion Overall & Champion Dark Cross Gilt Prospect

Shown by Alivia, Elyce & Grace Burzlaff, Iowa
 Sold to Final Drive Genetics, Ind., for \$1,900.

Res. Champion Overall & Champion Duroc Male Prospect

Shown by Alivia, Elyce & Grace Burzlaff, Iowa
 Sold to Grace Morris, Ohio, for \$1,600.

From the Field

Blaine Evans

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NSR Field Representative

As it is every year, the NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza, in Richmond, Ind., seems to wrap up what is always a very chaotic and I hope successful spring sale season for everyone. This year was no exception. The Extravaganza seemed to come out of nowhere and just like that jackpots started. It's hard to believe how quickly the time goes and that Expo is right around the corner.

We had a very solid turn out for this event, and sure it isn't what it used to be, but the Extravaganza is still a place for people to get good feeding pigs at good prices.

On behalf of the NSR, I would like to thank Jordan Leatherman, Ind., for being the sift judge this year. I have always said that sifting little pigs is one of the hardest duties we ask our judges to do and I thought Jordan handled the sift with class and professionalism. Jordan was efficient and lined up a great sale order for us to work through later that night. Another special thank you goes out to Col. Kevin Wendt, Ohio, for taking on the auctioneering duties, as well as Nathan Day and Mike Berger for their assistance taking bids. I also need to point out and thank the crew that stepped in the ring to help with the sift. It takes a village to put on these events and we appreciate all you do for us and for making the Extravaganza the event it is. Good luck to everyone as we start the busy summer show season, travel safe and good luck.



Champion Dark Cross Male Prospect
Shown by Ashleigh Funkhouser.
Sold to Final Drive Genetics, Ind., for \$450.



Champion Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by Dave Martin.
Sold to Colton & Landyn Cooper, Ind., for \$500.



Champion Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Murray State University.
Sold to Lean Value Sires, Ohio, for \$400.



Champion Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Chasten McConn.
Sold to Paul Mleziva, Wis., for \$225.



Champion Light Cross Male Prospect
Shown by Nate Hemann.
Sold to Gary Rader, Ohio, for \$350.



Res. Champion Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Allison Jane Litman.
Sold to Elizabeth Frazier, Ind., for \$175.



Res. Champion Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by David J. Hanson & Family.
Sold to Ken Bauer, Md., for \$350.



Champion Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by Dave Martin.
Sold to Madison Mason, Ohio, for \$2,500.



Champion Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by David J. Hanson & Family.
Sold to Fred Helmuth, Texas, for \$1,050.



Champion Light Cross Gilt Prospect
Shown by Spencer Jordan.
Sold to Jeff Arnett, Ky., for \$450.



Champion Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Allison Jane Litman.
Sold to John Owen Ebersole, Pa., for \$450.



Champion Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by Bryan Bennett.
Sold to Bryan Bennett, Ill., for \$625.



Champion AOB Gilt Prospect
Shown by Hayden Schaefer.
Sold to Blue Rock Swine, W.Va., for \$225.



Res. Champion Dark Cross Gilt Prospect
Shown by Jacob N. Diamond.
Sold to Kate Mazich, Mich., for \$1,200.



Res. Champion Yorkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Jacob N. Diamond.
Sold to Tegan Jaworski, Mich., for \$650.



Res. Champion Light Cross Gilt Prospect
Shown by Kyle & Jessica Clauson.
Sold to Allen Hawver, W.Va., for \$400.



Not Pictured

Champion AOB Male Prospect
Shown by Steven King.
Sold to Ken Bauer, Md., for \$300.

Res. Champion Berkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Brice Conover.
Sold to Amanda Fabi, Del., for \$350.

Res. Champion Duroc Male Prospect
Shown by Dave Martin.
Sold to Andrew Sherck, Ind., for \$325.

Res. Champion Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Steven King.
Sold to Ellis Gordon, Ohio, for \$175.

Res. Champion Dark Cross Male Prospect
Shown by Cason Craft.
Sold to Rob Kirk, Ohio, for \$700.

Res. Champion Light Cross Male Prospect
Shown by Genetic Force.
Sold to Ethan/Jaxon/Parker Fields, Ind., for \$350.

Champion Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Glenn Craft.
Sold to Genetic Force, Ohio, for \$600

Champion Landrace Gilt Prospect
Shown by BS Showpigs.
Sold to Tony & Evan Banister, Ohio, for \$325.

Res. Champion Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by Butts Farms.
Sold to McGuire Show Team, Ind., for \$350.

Res. Champion Landrace Gilt Prospect
Shown by Burkhalter Showpigs.
Sold to Rex Smith, Ind., for \$300.

Res. Champion Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Brice Conover.
Sold to Robin Ridge Farms LLC, Ind., for \$650.

Res. Champion Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Dave Martin.
Sold to Fred Helmuth, Texas, for \$1,000.

Res. Champion Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Keith Henderson & Family.
Sold to Knick Show Pigs, Ohio, for \$700.

Res. Champion Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by Logan & Lauren Thomas.
Sold to Gracie Robertson, Va., for \$250.

Res. Champion AOB Gilt Prospect
Shown by Alexis Funkhouser.
Sold to Leroy Schaefer, Md., for \$250.

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Shown by Sadie Hardison



Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Garrett Vance



Res. Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Maycie Walker



Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Halle Hawkins



Res. Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Lanie Allen



Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Tyleigh Price



Res. Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Hagan Halfmann



Grand Champion Gilt Overall & Champion Berkshire
Shown by Ashlyn Summers



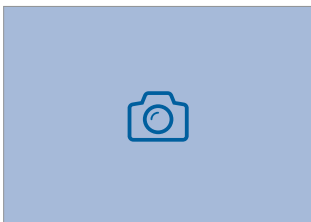
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Champion Hampshire Gilt
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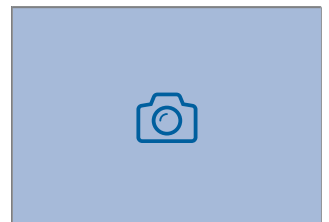
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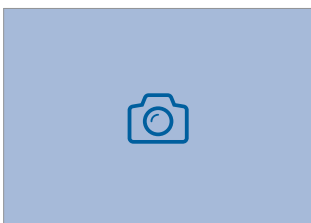
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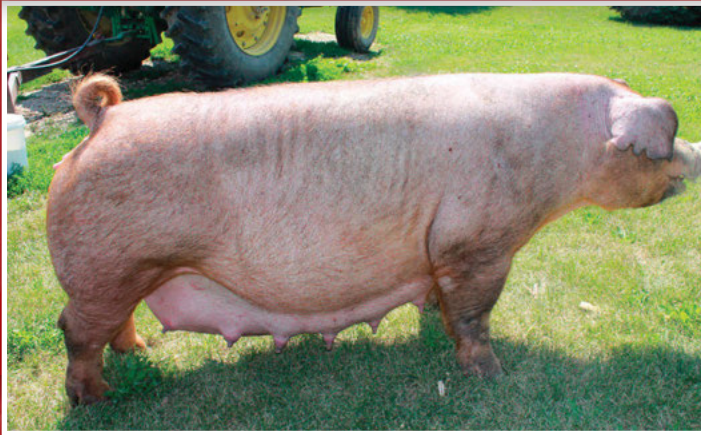
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By Lindsey Robinson

Many of my trips to the state of Oklahoma involve pigs, whether it is a pig show, sale, or visit to a producer's farm. This trip down the turnpike still involved pigs but switched focus to highlight how they can help us become better leaders and find our passion. For three days, nearly 60 members came together in Oklahoma City for the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC).

The NYLC participants and chaperones were welcomed by Joe Poppelwell, Operations Manager for Seaboard Foods, to kick off the conference as he shared the importance of having passion and dedication in your career.

In preparing to be a better leader, it is important to learn what leadership qualities both you and the people you work with possess. National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) Junior Board members Danika Miller and Lexi Delaney facilitated a color personality test to help each person determine what kind of leader they are. After answering a few questions, NYLC participants were divided into four groups, yellow, red, blue, and green, and tasked with building their own show barn. At the end of the exercise, Miller and Delaney explained what traits each color leader possessed and why it's important to know when interacting with people:

RED: The goal setter

These are the people in the show barn who have their eye on the prize. They are purposeful, strong-willed, and competitive leaders. When asked what kind of pigs they might put in their barns, they answer, "champions." These leaders take ownership and don't stray from their goals.

YELLOW: The life of the barn

These are the social butterflies of the show barn. Often, their tack pens are the social center of any show. Yellows are energetic and optimistic leaders who get everyone excited about a project. When designing their barns, the yellow group put a high priority on a hang out room with TV, stereo, food, and games, for when the work was complete.

BLUE: The collaborators

These are the people who take everyone's opinion into consideration. They create an environment of excitement and involvement, getting everyone to participate. Before building their show barns, they like to have all the facts and everyone's input before tackling the project.

GREEN: The planners

When they start building a barn, this group is focused on the details and having a plan before they start building. They lay out the dimensions, where they want the wash rack, how many pens they will have and how big they will be. These are the leaders who are usually calm in a crisis and automatically go into planning mode to resolve the conflict.

Participants were challenged to use their specific traits throughout the week and learn how to best interact with others around them.

Next, participants departed for a tour of Express Ranches outside of Oklahoma City. Stopping first at the Clydesdale barn, many members were impressed with the size and capabilities of the animals. While pigs and Clydesdales are very different, the amount of training to get animals ready for competition is the same across all species. Donnie Robertson, Vice President of Marketing, met the group at the ranch's sale arena to give a history of the Express cowherd. Started by Bob Funk in the late 1980s, today Express Ranches sells more than 5,000 head of Angus and Hereford genetics during the year. Funk is also a big believer of youth in agriculture creating the junior incentive program to help showmen pay for higher education after their show careers. After a tour of the facility, participants rounded out the night at the hotel with a Lip Sync Battle with the Junior Board of Directors.

Saturday morning began with breakfast before departing for the Oklahoma State University (OSU) campus. The group received overviews of the Animal Science, Agricultural Education, and Agriculture Communication departments to give them a better idea of opportunities available in the college. Following lunch, members and chaperones had a perfect day for a walking tour of the university with the OSU Swine Science Group. Back at the Food and Ag Product Center, participants rotated between three different demonstrations. At each

station there was an opportunity to learn about pork in the food chain including taste testing, a pig puzzle activity learning how to fit the cuts of pork together to form a carcass, and witnessing how germs can spread from your hands using a black light.

The group rounded out the day at the OSU Swine Farm with Herd Manager John Staude and Farm Operations Coordinator Kim Brock. The Swine Center houses almost 130 sows with half comprised of commercial sows and half of purebred Yorkshire and Hampshire sows. Known for producing outstanding genetics, Staude shared his passion with the group for raising purebred hogs and the importance of finding what drives you in life. Brock introduced the group to the history of Totusek Arena before opening up the floor for a Line Dancing lesson from Layna Bond and a few OSU students.

Every year the NJSA is honored to host industry professionals who exemplify dedication and passion in their careers and in agriculture. To round out the day, Dr. Brett Kaysen, U.S. Pork Regional Business Director for the Western Region of Zoetis, shared his trials and triumphs with the group and how he continues to have drive and passion, for his career.

The end of the conference seemed to come to quickly wrapping up with the Junior Board leading Professional Development sessions. In three rotations, members learned more about preparing for internships, how to select a college and become involved on campus, and finding your why; locating your drive.

At the close of ceremonies, I felt an overwhelming sense of

accomplishment at the completion of my first NYLC. Whether intentional or not, I look back and realize the emphasis on having passion and drive each speaker brought to our group. People often tell me if you can find a career you're passionate about, you'll never work a day in your life. The industry speakers NJSA hosted were proof agriculture employs many passionate people. Express Ranch owner, Bob Funk never hired someone without asking the question, "What drives you: Money, Recognition, or Success within a team?" How someone answers tells you a lot about how they work in their daily life. Everyone has different leadership styles and is motivated by different things, but if they have passion for their goals they can reach their potential. Everything we do has a motivation behind it and when we look closely we can see the reason we jump out of bed every morning or attend a leadership conference.

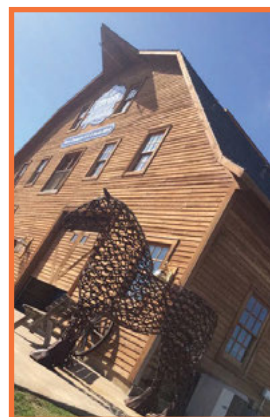
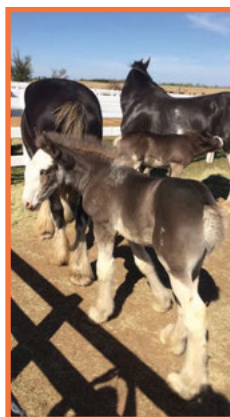


This year's NYLC participants had the opportunity to tour Oklahoma State University's campus and learn from its faculty.



(Above) Each NYLC participant was able to take part in breakout sessions at the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Meat Lab. Dr. Gretchen Mafi, Professor, and Ralph and Leila Boulware, OSU Endowed Chair, educated conference participants about the different cuts of pork, and other aspects of meat processing.

(Right) National Junior Swine Association Junior Board Directors, Lexi Delaney (left), Danika Miller (right) and National Swine Registry Social Media Coordinator and Editor, Cassie Godwin (bottom middle) had fun with this year's photo props.



(top left) Conference attendees enjoyed seeing and learning about the Clydesdales at Express Ranches.
(top right) This historic barn was built in the 1930s and restored by Bob Funk, owner of Express Ranches.



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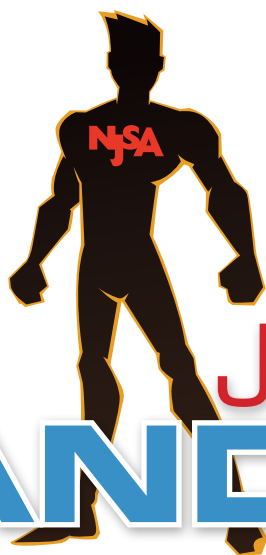


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Central Region | Roland, Iowa

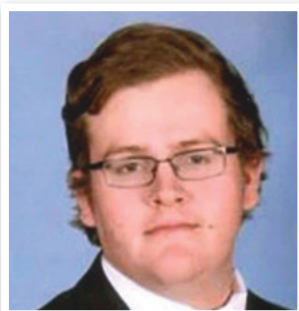
Jake Sterle, 17, of Roland, Iowa is the son Steve and Jodi Sterle and older brother to Jackson. Currently, Jake is completing his senior year in high school, but next fall he plans to attend Iowa State University where he will major in animal science. While in college, Jake plans to be involved in numerous clubs like Alpha Gamma Rho and Block & Bridle. Jake enjoys fishing and shooting trap, however his greatest passion lies within the swine industry. He plans to explore various areas of study while at Iowa State including meat science, nutrition and genetics. Ultimately, Jake plans to make a difference within the industry and would love to work as a university professor or work for a major swine company like Cargill or Zoetis. Jake is no stranger to the NJSa, showing his first hog 13 years ago and since then becoming intricately involved in both 4-H and FFA. He is actively serving as the president of his FFA chapter and vice-president of his 4-H club. Having attended NYLC for the past five years, Jake wants to put more emphasis on community involvement in the NJSa and create more service events and themes at shows to give back. He also believes in encouraging new members to really get involved in the NJSa beyond the show ring.



KATHERINE RAMAGE

At-Large | Bloomington, Ind.

Katherine Ramage, of Bloomington, Ind., is a sophomore attending Purdue University as an animal science major with a concentration in agribusiness. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Paul and Dana Ramage. Katherine loves working in the barn with her livestock and aspires to keep traveling to shows as she gets older. Her dream career goal is to become a feed sales representative. Katherine is involved in numerous collegiate organizations where she is currently serving as the 2016-2017 Swine Chairman for Purdue's Block & Bridle. She is also an advocate for FFA and participated in livestock judging, leadership camps and developed a district-winning proficiency in swine production. As an active mentor in NJSa's MVP program, it's not surprising that Katherine has a passion for youth in the swine industry. Her goal is to help NJSa members feel involved in all aspects of the organization and aid them in building professional relationships and industry connections.



KEVIN ROGERS

Western Region | Mesa, Ariz.

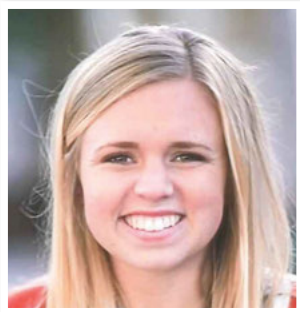
Kevin Rogers, 20, hails from Mesa, Ariz., and is the son of Kevin and Janel Rogers and brother to Morgan and Taylor. As a sophomore attending the University of Arizona, Kevin is currently majoring in agriculture technology management and animal science. He is involved in Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity where he serves as the Vice President of Membership Development along with being on the Collegiate Young Farmers and Ranchers Executive Board. After graduating, Kevin plans to attend Oklahoma State University in order to obtain his master's degree in swine management and nutrition. His dream career is to work as a feed representative for Moormans Showtec. Kevin has participated in his local 4-H club since the age of nine and has maintained numerous leadership roles such as president, vice president and treasurer. He was also president of his FFA chapter his senior year. Kevin's main goal for the NJSa is to see that it continues to grow and be the premier youth leadership organization for youth in agriculture and in the swine industry.



TAYLOR CONLEY

Eastern Region | New Enterprise, Pa.

Taylor Conley is originally from New Enterprise, Pa. and is now a freshman at Iowa State University where she is majoring in Animal Science. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Mike and Nicki Conley and sister to Aaron Conley. At Iowa State Taylor wants to compete on the livestock judging team. Aside from this she is also actively involved in Block & Bridle and the Swine Interest Group and serves as the Summer Sausage and Cheese Tri-Chair and the Spring Market Hog Show Tri-Chair. After graduating with her bachelor's degree, Taylor plans to further her education at graduate school as she pursues a career within the industry in either academia or sales. Having attended numerous NJSA events and as a member of the MVP program, Taylor's main goal is to give back to the industry that has given so much to her. She hopes to inspire youth by implementing a panel or round table discussion with industry professionals and breeders at an NJSA event. She also wants to make the skillathon more hands-on and interactive in order to bridge the gap between book knowledge and practical application.



WHITNEY WHITAKER

Western Region | Atascadero, Calif.

Whitney Whitaker, 20, of Atascadero, Calif., is the daughter of Dena Whitaker and has one 18-year-old brother, Russell. Currently, Whitney is wrapping up her last semester as a sophomore at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan. At Butler, she has served as a competitive member of the livestock judging team and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Ag Ambassadors and Collegiate Farm Bureau. Next fall Whitney will transfer to Kansas State University where she will major in animal science with a business option and minor in agricultural communications. Ultimately Whitney wants to stay within the agriculture industry, more specifically the pork industry. Through technology and communication, she hopes to spread awareness of the great things happening in the swine industry. Outside of attending numerous NJSA shows like the Western Regional, Arizona Nationals, National Western Stock Show, and World Pork Expo, Whitney is also involved in the MVP program and has attended NYLC several times. With a passion for agricultural youth, Whitney wants to implement more community service activities in the NJSA so members across the country can leave an impact in their diverse communities.



HANNAH FROBOSE

Eastern Region | Pemberville, Ohio

Hannah Frobose grew up showing pigs in Pemberville, Ohio, and is the daughter of Dan and Vicki Frobose. She is 20-years-old and a sophomore at Butler Community College majoring in agribusiness. There she is involved with the livestock judging team and an officer for Ag Ambassadors. With her current focus on getting an education and establishing a broad foundation of knowledge in agriculture to build upon, Hannah plans to transfer to Kansas State University next fall where she will major in food science. Upon completing her bachelor's degree, she aspires to improve the quality of our world's food supply and would love to have the opportunity to work with a company that benefits the commercial side of the swine industry such as Hormel, Cargill, or The Maschhoffs. A goal that intrigues Hannah as an NJSA Junior Board candidate is to take it outside of the United States. She thinks it would be incredible if the NJSA gave members the opportunity to go overseas to experience firsthand what swine production looks like in different cultures, and ultimately, show them why producers in the U.S. practice swine production the way they do.

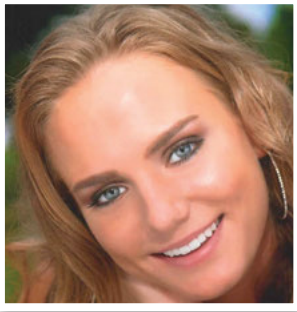
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ADRIAN AUSTIN

Central Region | Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Adrian Austin, 18, from Mt. Vernon, Ill., is the daughter of Steve and Holly Austin. She is currently a freshman at Lake Land Community College majoring in agricultural communications. Austin plans to earn her Bachelor of Science at a four year university following her two years at LLCC. In college, Austin is a member of the livestock judging team, the LLCC Livestock Evaluation Club, and the Lincoln Land Agriculture Club. She also serves as the president of the Illinois State 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Her dream career is to work for the NSR's publication, the *Seedstock EDGE*. Austin's hobbies outside of judging and exhibiting livestock include reading, swimming, and watching sporting events. Austin has been a member of the NJSA for 14 years where she has enjoyed participating in various events at the World Pork Expo, National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS), Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional, and NAILE. Austin also enjoys her involvement in the NJSA MVP program where she has served as a mentor to younger NJSA members. If elected to the NJSA Junior board of Directors, Austin's goal is to increase membership consistency across the states through current member outreach. Her favorite quote is from Pastor Bob Burns, "Don't talk about it, be about it."



DALTON SMITH

Central Region | Coatesville, Ind.

Dalton Smith, 19, from Coatesville, Ind., is the son of Doug and Abby Whicker and Chris and Dianne Smith. Currently, he is a freshman at Purdue University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and a minor in Animal Science. At Purdue, Smith is the treasurer of the Agribusiness Club, a member of Purdue Pig Interest Group, and Purdue Block and Bridle. Smith's life ambitions are to have a job in the agriculture industry where he is able to educate the public and work alongside the industry's youth. As a member of the NJSA, Smith has enjoyed showing at NJSS, NAILE, and attending NYLC. If elected to the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, Smith's goal is to increase younger member's involvement at events such as NYLC. His favorite quote is by John C. Maxwell, "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

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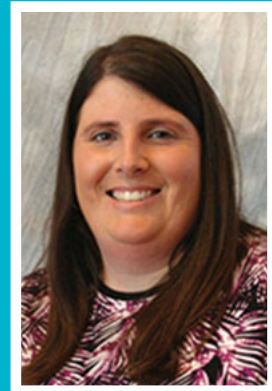
Facilitated by the National Swine Registry (NSR), this program recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the lives of youth in livestock agriculture.

Through an online nomination process, an individual was selected to receive the award and will be recognized at the World Pork Expo. In addition, the winner will nominate a young person to be selected for a \$1,000 scholarship, provided by GESDATE, to be awarded at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) in Louisville, Ky.

The criteria for nominations were:

- Nominee must have had a significant influence on the lives of youth in livestock agriculture
- Nominee must have a record of outstanding personal and professional accomplishments
- Nominee must exhibit potential for future personal and/or professional growth that will contribute to the livestock agriculture industry

AWARD RECIPIENT



Mindy Moore

Bowersville, Georgia

Nominated by: Tucker Payne

Specie of livestock: Swine, Goats

Education:

- 1998 • Graduated from Franklin County High School with Honors
- 2000 • Graduated from Gainesville College with Honors
- 2003 • Graduated from University of Georgia (UGA), Summa Cum Laude, 1st Honor Graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education
- 2004 • Received master's degree from UGA in Agricultural Leadership

Current occupation & position: Agricultural Teacher at Stephens County High School (SCHS)

Professional positions held and/or professional accomplishments:

2004-2014 • Stephens County Middle School (SCMS) Ag Teacher

2014-Current • Stephens County High School Ag Teacher

Professional, civic and service activities and contributions:

- Oversees and organizes our local swine, cattle and goat shows
- Plans the annual SCHS FFA Banquet
- Organizes fundraisers for the SCHS FFA chapter
- Helps students with scholarship applications and State FFA Degree award applications

Awards:

- 1994 Georgia State Champion Livestock Judging Team
- 1994 Area Livestock Judging Contest High Individual Reasons and High Individual Overall
- 1994 Georgia State Livestock Judging Contest High Individual Overall
- 1997 State FFA Degree recipient
- Coached 2012 Georgia State Champion Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Coached 2012 National Novice Parliamentary Procedure Contest Sixth High Team

Support statement from nominator:

My name is Tucker Payne. I was born with a very rare type of Osteogenesis Imperfecta. The doctors told my parents that I would not be able to play sports, that I would have therapy for most of my life and that I would most likely not live a "normal" life. Boy, were they wrong. This is my story and the story of how Mindy Moore encouraged me and my love for the FFA Program.

I first became interested in FFA when I went to our local show and watched my cousin show his pig when I was in the third grade. This was when I first met Mindy Moore. Ms. Moore was the Ag Teacher at SCMS at the time. I watched her help my cousin get his pig ready for the show ring. She helped everyone there. She answered any questions that anyone had and was very involved with each student. I decided that day that I wanted to show livestock after seeing how fun, helpful and encouraging she was. I started showing that year with 4-H and I have never looked back. I was so excited when I got to the middle school and walked into Ms. Moore's classroom for my first Ag class.

I was a very shy, timid kid. I had a stutter and was afraid to talk in public. I had had speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy for as long as I could remember, but Ms. Moore welcomed me in her class with open arms. For the first time in my life, I had a teacher who believed in me. A teacher who was there for me no matter what. After joining the my FFA chapter, I felt like I finally fit in at

school. During my middle school years, I competed in many CDE's. None of that would have been possible without Ms. Moore's support.

My favorite middle school memory was competing with the Parliamentary Procedure Team and placing sixth in the nation, in Louisville, K.Y. I conquered my fears of speaking in public, eating in public, and have made many friends since joining FFA. Ms. Moore is always a phone call away to answer any questions that I have about my livestock, CDE questions, or just to listen to any problem that I may have.

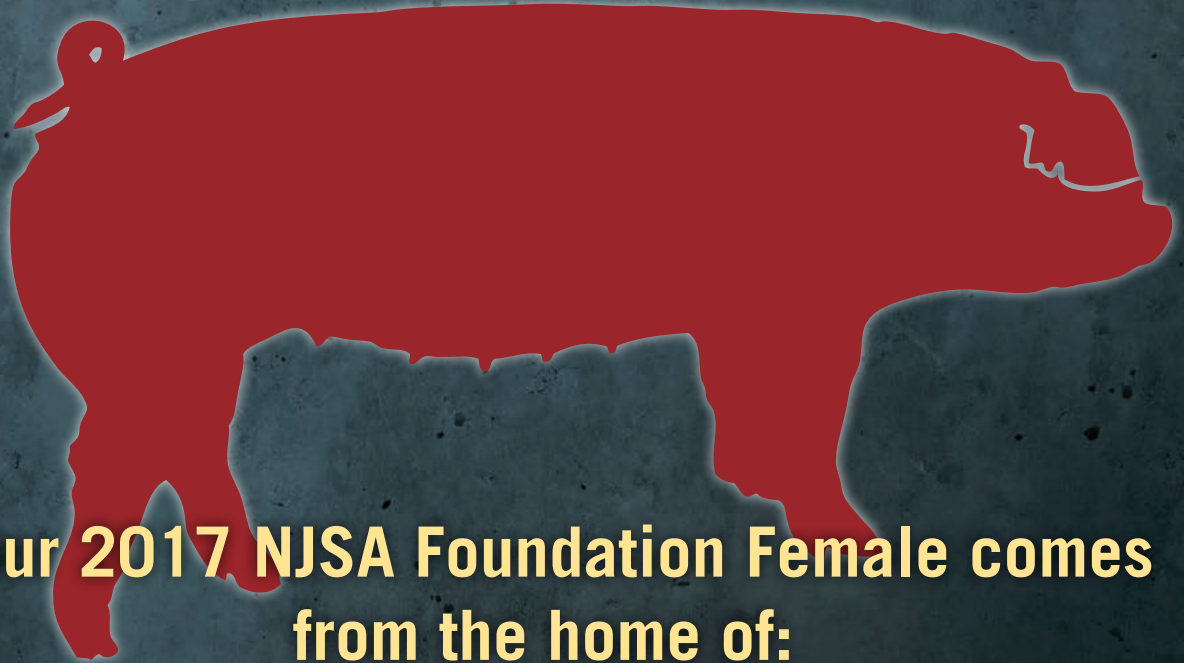
She works countless hours not only in the classroom, but outside of the classroom, as well. We have done many community service projects throughout the years. We deliver plants to the Clary/Wilkinson Centers, volunteer at the Special Olympic Games, cannery, animal shelter, Tractor Supply and Owens Farm Supply, go on field trips with the elementary schools to different farms to learn about agriculture, have bake sales and help put together chicken que plates for FFA fundraisers.

I am now a junior at SCHS and Ms. Moore transferred from SCMS to teach at the high school two years ago. I am so glad that she did. She helps so many others and is very active in the agricultural community. I show pigs and goats and none of that would have been possible without her. She is always looking for ways to improve the program and make it fun. There are kids that are showing

livestock now that have never shown before and she encouraged them to give it a try and they love it. There are several members that are my age that want to go to college to become agriculture educators because they want to help others and encourage others like Ms. Moore has done. She is my role model. Someone that I look up to and want to be like. If you had asked me years ago, what I wanted to be when I grew up, I probably wouldn't have even answered. I know without a shadow of a doubt that I want to be a veterinarian when I graduate next year.

I have gained so many wonderful memories, been through so many great experiences and learned so much while being in the FFA, under Ms. Moore's leadership. I am so thankful that I went to my cousin's pig show many years ago. The FFA program and Ms. Moore have shaped me into the person that I am today, and for that I am forever grateful!

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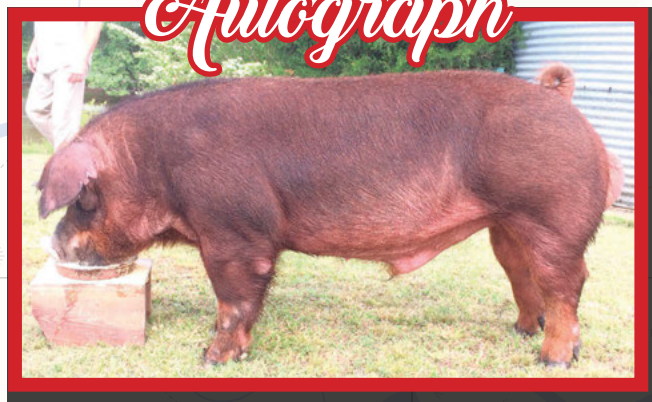
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Spotlight

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(left) Dana & Doug Albright (center) Pat & Colleen Albright holding Parker Elchinger (right) Nick & Bailey Elchinger

DOUG Albright



according to the national junior swine association *njsa* handbook, you can only be a njsa member until you are 21 years old. doug albright may be past the 21 mark, but remains as involved in the njsa today as he was when he was driving a pig in showmanship.

Albright uses the professional and personal skills he developed as an NJSA member to not only succeed in his two careers, but to also give back to the NJSA and National Swine Registry (NSR); ensuring that new generations of kids have an even better NJSA experience than he did. I was able to visit with Doug and see that if you do it right, your NJSA involvement won't end when you walk out the gate for the last time.

FARM NAME: Albright Swine Farms

FAMILY INFO: My wife, Dana, is a Child Psychologist at Motts Children Hospital. My parents are Pat and Colleen Albright. Pat runs the farm and mom helps on the side, but also works at the local insurance office.

OCCUPATION: Regional Accounts Manager for Zoetis and Albright Swine Farms

LOCATION: Coldwater, Michigan

OPERATION SIZE: We have 200 sows. We primarily raise Durocs, but also have Yorkshires, Berkshires, Hampshires and crossbreds. We also have five boars that are mainly used on our own herd, but we do sell a few doses of semen here and there.

OPERATION BACKGROUND: Albright Swine Farms started in 1982. Dad bought the farm from my grandfather and when we started we were primarily focused on commercial sows. We have had various employees throughout the years. We really transitioned to showpigs and diversified purebred production in the early 2000s and when I got home from college we devoted a lot to showpigs and to custom meat processing. In 2016 we hired Ben Lenig as our showpig manager to handle the selling of showpigs, the collecting and selling of semen and everything else that comes along with being on a pig farm. We also have two other employees that do a lot of maintenance and general work.

HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT: I grew up on the farm and pigs have been my life forever. Once I got to high school I got very involved in 4-H and FFA. I was a 2004-2005 State FFA Officer for the state of Michigan. That was a great opportunity for me. Once I was done there, I went to Black Hawk East and judged livestock there and then transferred to Kansas State University and graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. While there and doing all that, I was still very involved in the NJSA as a junior board member and I can honestly say that even with all my 4-H and FFA involvement the NJSA and livestock judging were the two greatest catalyst for me to get to where I am today with having a job with Zoetis and raising and selling showpigs as a primary driver of my life.

EXPERIENCE & INVOLVEMENT AS A NJSA MEMBER: Growing up showing in the NJSA it was still pretty new

when I started and it was still pretty fresh. We just jumped in both feet as a family. My sister was involved in the NJSA, as well and it just really helped develop both my sister and I as young people involved in the industry, as well as got my family going in the showpig business. It has truly been a way for us to grow and develop in this industry. We have spent a lot of time doing that. People like Jennifer Shike and Darrell Anderson were very instrumental in showing me the way and giving me some guidance when I was just a little punk kid. If it hadn't been for Jennifer Shike to give me some direction and grab me by the shoulders and kind of point me the way I needed to be I'm not sure I would have gotten what I needed to out of the NJSA to get me to where I am today. And that outweighs all the awards, the judging contests, the showmanships, the sweepstakes; those things don't really matter as much now that I'm 30.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE NJSA MEMORY? Standing up at Louisville while on the junior board and we gave out Distinguished Service Awards to Jim McCoy and Warren Beeler. Watching them be awarded for their time and their efforts to making our organization what it was at the time struck home with me and made me think, 'Wow if it wouldn't have been for those guys the NJSA would not be where we are at,' and it really gave me the passion and desire to give back and try to do the same things and be the same role model that those two guys were for me.

YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON THE NJSA YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD AND NSR DUROC BOARD. WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO THESE EFFORTS? Like I said, those people that have done it before me were instrumental in showing what is needed to keep the progression of this great organization moving forward. Also, while being on both the Youth Advisory Board and the Duroc Board and getting to interact with breeders that are older than me or in the same position as I am and pick their brain about where the industry is going and what we need to do to move forward has been really eye opening to me. It also has just been a lot of fun to help give some direction and guidance.

WHY DO YOU FEEL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE NSR AND NJSA ARE IMPORTANT TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY? If you look back and see the kids that showed or were involved in the NJSA as junior board members or even as just exhibitors and what

they are doing now, you know these people that are in the industry are making waves. Whether it's sales, breeding hogs, Ag lending; they all can contribute their drive, passion and success to what they learned showing pigs and being involved in the NJSA. The greatest thing we do is cultivate young people for the future. Yeah we do that with a pig, but at the same time we do that by really just showing these kids the way to becoming better stewards of agriculture.

IF YOU COULD GIVE NJSA MEMBERS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE? Don't be afraid to look past the show ring and understand the real reason for why we are doing what we are doing. The shows will come and go, the banners will fade, but the people you meet and the lessons you learn will be what you remember when you step out of the ring and when you get older. You will remember those people and remember the memories way longer than any of the awards and any of the accolades you have received.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO SEE FOR THE NJSA IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, 10 YEARS, ETC.? I see the NJSA further developing their leadership strategies in terms of not just having pig shows for kids. I see and hope that the NJSA develops their leadership conferences and how they can impact a broader group of swine enthusiasts and agricultural enthusiasts to become more involved and become better advocates for agriculture. I see us broadening our horizons outside of just pig shows.



In conjunction with serving on the NJSA Youth Advisory Board, Doug Albright is also the Vice President of the 2017 Duroc Board of Directors (l to r): John Huinker, Iowa; Joe Roberts, Mo.; President Don R. Smith, Ohio; Chad Hill, Texas; Vice President Doug Albright, Mich.; Brett Beyers, Ill.; and Steve Rodibaugh, Ind.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE GOALS FOR YOUR SHOWPIG OPERATION? We continue to just try and make them better, to grow our brand nationally beyond what it already is and by doing so cultivating relationships with families and watching other kids that aren't directly our family get more involved and have those kids truly grasp the meaning and the value of agriculture.

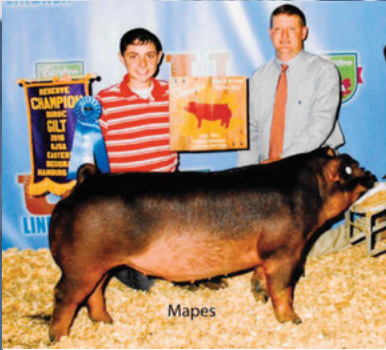


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National Junior Summer Spectacular NJSS Contest Information

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**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, JULY 7.

SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

The Sweepstakes Contest is an "all-around" competition designed to recognize the most outstanding NJSA exhibitors through their participation in multiple events. Sweepstakes contestants must declare their intent to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at registration. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS). Points will be contributed from the highest-placing purebred gilt or barrow, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Skillathon Contest toward the Sweepstakes awards. There will be no extra points awarded to those individuals who compete in the additional contests. See the NJSA Handbook for the full Sweepstakes point breakdown.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 5, 1 p.m.

Showmanship Finals: Thursday, July 6, 8 a.m.

Join us for the best Showmanship Contest in the country. Showmanship orders will be posted Wednesday morning. The preliminaries will begin Wednesday, July 5, at 1 p.m. The finals of each division will begin on Thursday, July 6, at 8 a.m. For both the preliminaries and finals of the showmanship competition, Ring A will host juniors followed by seniors, and Ring B will host novice followed by intermediates. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class. Any animal that does not meet breed eligibility requirements may not be used for Showmanship. Any animal shown in Showmanship must be entered in the junior show.

SKILLATHON CONTEST

Registration: Wednesday, July 5, 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Skillathon Contest is a fun, educational contest where participants rotate through four stations within each age division and are asked to perform tasks or answer questions on specific swine industry topics. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. However, from 11-11:45 a.m., all participants and parents are invited to go back through the stations to review the questions and correct answers. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: ear notching, swine breeds, swine health, Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus®) certification, meat cut identification, swine anatomy (external, internal and skeletal), reproductive physiology, swine diseases and pedigree information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office at 765.463.3594.

SWINE JUDGING CONTEST

Registration: Friday, July 7, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Contest: 9 a.m.

Novice contest: 11:30 a.m.

Test your ability to evaluate breeding gilts and market hogs in the Judging Contest. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Teams must have three to four contestants from the same age division. The top three scores will comprise the team score. Parents are not allowed near the judging rings during the contest. Assistants will be available to novice or

first-time judges who may not understand how to mark their cards. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes and answer two sets of questions. Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes, give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes and give three sets of oral reasons. Novice will have their own separate contest at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, July 7. They will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties. A teaching class will precede the novice contest, and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.

SWINE IS FINE ART CONTEST: PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Due: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as lighting, color and focus. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

SWINE IS FINE ART CONTEST:

DRAWING, PAINTING, AND MIXED MEDIA DIVISION

Due: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as shading, color and proportion. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

AMAZING ADVERTISING CONTEST

Due: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to improve their communication and selling skills by designing an advertisement for the NJSA. Entries will be based upon how effectively contestants "sell" the idea of NJSA membership by using images, text and design elements. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 8:30 a.m.

Contest Begins: Wednesday, July 5, 9 a.m.

Contestants must sign up for their time slot during registration.

PREPARED SPEECH CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 8:30 a.m.

Contest Begins: Wednesday, July 5, 9 a.m.

Four copies of your speech are due at registration.

STATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Due: Tuesday, July 4, Noon-8 p.m.

Scrapbook is due at registration.

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Friday, July 7.




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SHOW	WHERE	WHEN	ENTRY DEADLINE
National Western Stock Show	Denver, Colo.	Jan. 16-17, 2018	Nov. 1, 2017
NJSA Southeast Regional	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 24-28, 2018	Dec. 14, 2017
NSR Winter Type Conference	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 24-28, 2018	Dec. 14, 2017
NSR Southwest Type Conference	Belton, Texas	Feb. 28-Mar 3, 2018	TBD
NSR Weanling Extravaganza	Richmond, Ind.	TBD, 2018	TBD
World Pork Expo	Des Moines, Iowa	June 4-10, 2017	CLOSED
WPX Junior National	Des Moines, Iowa	June 4-10, 2017	CLOSED
NSR Summer Type Conference	Louisville, Ky.	July 3-8, 2017	CLOSED
National Junior Summer Spectacular	Louisville, Ky.	July 3-8, 2017	CLOSED
NJSA Southwest Regional	Woodward, Okla.	Sept. 1-3, 2017	Aug. 9, 2017
National Barrow Show®	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 9-13, 2017	Aug. 16, 2017
NBS® Junior Classic	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 9-10, 2017	Aug. 16, 2017
NJSA Eastern Regional	Hamburg, N.Y.	Oct. 5-7, 2017	Sept. 6, 2017
American Royal	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 18-29, 2017	Sept. 12, 2017
NAILE	Louisville, Ky.	Nov. 4-6, 2017	TBD
NSR Fall Classic	Duncan, Okla.	Nov. 15-18, 2017	Oct. 5, 2017
NJSA Western Regional	Paso Robles, Calif.	Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2017	Nov. 1, 2017
Arizona National	Phoenix, Ariz.	Dec. 27, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018	Oct. 31, 2017
NJSA CONFERENCES	WHERE	WHEN	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
National Youth Leadership Conf.	Chicago, Ill.	April 13-15, 2018	March 14, 2018

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SCHEDULE

STC/NJSS

Open & Jr. Shows

July 3-8, 2017

Kentucky Exposition Center • Louisville, Ky.

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 17, 2017

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: May 1, 2017

PUREBRED ENTRIES FARROWED: Dec. 1, 2016 or after

OPEN JUDGES:

Duroc: Earl Cain, Iowa **Hampshire:** Ben Moyer, Ohio **Landrace:** Jonas McGrew, Ill. **Yorkshire:** Willie Kirkpatrick, Okla.
Crossbred: Aaron Cobb, Ark.

JUNIOR JUDGES:

Duroc & Hampshire Barrow Judge: Levi Canales, Texas **Landrace & Yorkshire Barrow Judge:** AJ Genter, Ohio **Duroc & Hampshire Gilt Judge:** Kevin Wendt, Ohio **Landrace & Yorkshire Gilt Judge:** Brady Crone, Ind.
Novice/Intermediate Showmanship Judge: Wravenna Bloomberg, Okla. **Junior/Senior Showmanship Judge:** Galen McCune, Okla.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, July 3

3 p.m.: Earliest Hogs May Arrive (Junior & Open)

Tuesday, July 4

Noon-8 p.m.: Registration (Junior & Open Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon, State Scrapbook and Speech Contests)

3 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics (Showing A)

4-5:30 p.m.: Adult PQA+ Training

4:30 p.m.: MVP Celebration (Showing A)

6 p.m.: Corn Toss Tournament (Youth and Adults welcome)

6 p.m.: Premier Breeder interviews

6 p.m.: The Maschhoffs Inc. Pork Production Scholarship interviews

7 p.m.: All Junior hogs must be in place

8:30 p.m.: Barrow Weight Cards Due (Registration Area)

Wednesday, July 5

8-11 a.m.: Skillathon *All participants must check-in by 10:30 a.m.

8-9 a.m.: Youth PQA+ Training

8:30 a.m.: Prepared and Extemporaneous Speech Contestant Meeting

9 a.m.: Speech Contests Begin

9 a.m.-Noon: Breed Eligibility Checks (wash racks/scales closed)

9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Open show registration (open show office)

11:15-11:45 a.m.: Skillathon Review

Noon: Wash racks Opened

Noon: Opening Ceremony

1 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries

Ring A: Junior followed by Senior

Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

*Top Ten Finals Held Thursday Morning

Immediately following Showmanship Prelims: Junior Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

*Special Award Presentations will be awarded prior to the Grand Champion Barrow selection



Thursday, July 6

- 8 a.m.:** Showmanship Finals
Ring A: Junior followed by Senior
Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate
- 9 a.m.:** All Open entries must be penned & checked-in
- 9 a.m.:** Scanning of boars
- 10 a.m.:** Junior Gilt Show
Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire
Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

***Special Award Presentations will be awarded prior to the Grand Champion Gilt and Grand Champion Bred and Owned Gilt selection**

Friday, July 7

- 7:30-8:30 a.m.:** Judging Contest Registration
- 7:30 a.m.:** Open Show: Crossbred Boar Show followed by the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire gilt and boar shows
- 9 a.m.:** Judging Contest (Junior, Intermediate & Senior)
- 11:30 a.m.:** Novice Judging Contest

***Judging critiques will be delivered at the conclusion of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior contest. An announcement will be made with the time and location.**

- 5 p.m.:** Pizza Party and Ray Perryman Inspirational Service

Immediately following Inspirational Service: Awards Ceremony*

***NJSS Contest Winners Announced (State Scrapbook, Amazing Advertising Contest, Swine is Fine Contest, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Speech Contests, Sweepstakes Contest)**

***Drawing Winners Announced**

***Premier Breeders Awarded**

***2017-2018 Junior Board Announced**

- 8-10 p.m.:** Dance

***All Junior Hogs are released at the conclusion of the Awards Conclusion**

Saturday, July 8

- 9 a.m.:** Crossbred boar sale followed by the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire boar and gilt sales

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Additional Jr. Show Information

- **Contests:** State Food Drive, State Scrapbook, Amazing Advertising Contest, Swine is Fine Contest, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Speech Contests, Sweepstakes Contest
- **Additional Events:** Silent Auction, Super Semen Auction, NJSA Foundation Female Auction, Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman, Exhibitor Dance, MVP Party, Barnyard Olympics, Exhibitor Pizza Party, and the NJSA Annual Awards Ceremony.
- **Limit per Exhibitor:** Two purebred gilts and two purebred barrows.
- **Purebred Farrowing Deadline:** December 1, 2016
- **Weight limit for barrows:** 215-290 lbs. with a 15 lb. weigh-back

SCHEDULE

NJSA Southwest Regional

Sept. 1-3, 2017

Woodward County Fairgrounds • Woodward, Okla.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Aug. 9, 2017

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: June 17, 2017

PUREBRED ENTRIES FARROWED: Jan. 1, 2017 or after

JUDGE: TBD

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, Sept. 1

8 a.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Registration

2:30 p.m.: All gilts and barrows must be in place

3 p.m.: Barrow & Crossbred Gilt weight cards due to show office

3-4:30 p.m.: Adult PQA+ training

4-4:30 p.m.: MVP (Mentoring Values People) event

5:15 p.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting

5:30 p.m.: Barrow Show (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, Crossbred)

Saturday, Sept. 2

8 a.m.: Gilt Show (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Judging Contest registration

2 p.m.: Judging Contest (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)

(Officials to follow the completion of oral reasons)

4:30 p.m.: Novice Judging Contest

6:30 p.m.: Family Feed and Fun Night

Sunday, Sept. 3

7 a.m.: Exhibitor Breakfast

7:15 a.m.: Ray Perryman Service

8 a.m.: Showmanship* (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice)

****Crossbred Gilt Show immediately following showmanship**

*****Silent Auction Closes following the Crossbred Gilt Show, announcements will be made with exact time**

******Sweepstakes & Judging Contest Awards Ceremony to follow Crossbred Gilt Show**



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Additional Jr. Show Information

Hogs must be born on Jan. 1, 2017, or after.

!NEW! Weight limit for barrows is 290 lbs. and under with a 15 lb. weigh-back

Limits per exhibitor: 6 gilts with a max of 2 cross gilts, 6 barrows with a max of 2 cross barrows

Crossbred Gilt Weight Limit: 375 lbs. or less with a 15 lb. weigh-back.

All gilts and barrows are released at the completion of the awards ceremony on Sunday.

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- **Champion Breed Bred & Owned Gilts:** \$250
- **Res. Champion Breed Bred & Owned Gilts:** \$100
- **Class Premiums:** 1st=\$45, 2nd=\$40, 3rd=\$35, 4th=\$30, 5th=\$25, 6th=\$20 *Special prizes for the top three in each age division for Showmanship, Judging Contest, & Sweepstakes*

**A minimum of 100 purebred barrows must be exhibited in order for the Champion and Reserve Champion to receive full premiums. Only half of the listed premiums will be awarded, if less than 100 are shown.

SCHEDULE

NBS

Open & Jr. Shows

Sept. 9-13, 2017

Mower County Fairgrounds • Austin, Minn.



ENTRY DEADLINE: Aug. 16, 2017

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:
Aug. 16, 2017

BARROW WEIGHTS: 230-280 lbs.

PUREBRED BREEDING GILT ENTRIES FARROWED: Jan. 15 and after

MARKET ANIMAL ENTRIES FARROWED: Feb. 1 and after

NBS® Show/Sale Phone:
(Saturday-Wednesday) 507.434.2937

JUDGES:

Duroc: Doug Albright, Mich.

Hampshire: Brett Beyers, Ill.

Landrace: Jordan McGrew, Ill.

Yorkshire: John Huinker, Iowa

Crossbred Boars: John Huinker, Iowa

Open Market Hogs: TBD

Jr. Show: TBD

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

7 a.m.: Earliest entries can arrive

1 p.m.: All junior market hogs and junior breeding gilts must be on the grounds

11-2 p.m.: Junior check-in/weigh-in

3 p.m.: All junior market hogs and junior breeding gilts must be checked in and market hogs must be weighed

4 p.m.: NBS® Junior Showmanship Contest

5:30 p.m.: Junior exhibitor pizza party

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

8 a.m.: Collegiate Meat Contest Awards Ceremony

8:30 a.m.: Junior Classic Market Hog Show, immediately followed by Junior Classic Breeding Gilt Show

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Windsor Chop Dinner at the Plager Building

Noon: All open show breeding stock, truckloads and open market hog show entries must be on the grounds

1-2:30 p.m.: Truckloads checked in and weighed

2:30-3:30 p.m.: Individual open market hogs checked in and weighed

6:30-8 p.m.: NBS® Hospitality Night at Holiday Inn

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

8 a.m.: Junior college and senior college judging contest in Crane Pavilion • FFA and 4-H judging contest registration, followed by contest

8 a.m.: Check-in of open show breeding stock entries (scanning to follow)

1 p.m.: 4-H and FFA judging awards followed immediately by Individual Market Hog Show

– *Following Market Hog Show, Truckload Show and Hog College® Home Run Drive*

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Breeding Stock Show Begins

8:30 a.m.: Presentation of special awards and judging contest results in Crane Pavilion

9 a.m.: **North Ring:** Berkshire, Spot, Chester White, Poland China and Crossbred Gilts

9 a.m.: **South Ring:** Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire and Crossbred Boars

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

Breeding Sale Begins

9 a.m.: **North Ring:** Berkshire, Spot, Chester White, Poland China and Crossbred Gilts

9:30 a.m.: **South Ring:** Yorkshire, Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire and Crossbred Boars

Additional Jr. Show Information

Contests: Showmanship

Limits Per Exhibitor: Must exhibit one purebred market hog for each crossbred market hog and one purebred breeding gilt for crossbred breeding gilt

Market Hog Weight: All market hogs must be born on or after Feb. 1, 2017, and weigh between 230-280 lbs.

Open Show: All exhibitors are encouraged to compete on Monday of the National Barrow Show®

Jr. Breeding Gilts: All breeding animals must be born on or after Jan. 15, 2017

Pizza Party: All junior exhibitors are invited to a pizza party on Saturday night

PREMIUMS & PRIZES:

- **Champion Purebred Market Hog Overall: \$1,000 & Cimmaron Stock Box**
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SCHEDULE

NJSA Eastern Regional

Oct. 5-7, 2017

Erie County Fairgrounds • Hamburg, N.Y.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Sept. 6, 2017

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Aug. 21, 2017

PUREBRED ENTRIES FARROWED: Feb. 1, 2017 or after

JUDGE: TBD

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday, Oct. 5 – Family Fun Day

10 a.m.: Earliest entries may arrive (Entries may arrive all night Thursday)
Visit www.nationalswine.com for a list of Family Fun Day options

Friday, Oct. 6

8-11:30 a.m.: Registration – Show Office

11 a.m.: All entries must be in place

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Adult PQA+ Training – Show Ring

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: MVP activity

1-3 p.m.: Skillathon

2 p.m.: Crossbred Gilt and Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Weight Cards Due – Show Office

3-3:30 p.m.: Skillathon Review (Questions and answers open to public)

3:45 p.m.: Exhibitor Meeting – Show Ring

4 p.m.: Showmanship (Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)

6:30 p.m.: NJSA Family Pizza Party (Free to all exhibitors and their families)

7 p.m.: Family Movie and Popcorn Night (Free to all exhibitors and their families)

Saturday, Oct. 7

7 a.m.: NJSA Family Breakfast – Show Ring (Free to all exhibitors and their families)

7:15 a.m.: Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman – Show Ring

8 a.m.: Barrow Show (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, & Crossbred)

***Gilt Show will immediately follow the Barrow Show*

****Silent auction will close 15 minutes after the conclusion of the grand champion barrow drive. The time will be announced at the show.*

*****At the conclusion of the Gilt Show:** Skillathon & Sweepstakes Awards Ceremony – Show Ring

***All hogs are released after the Awards Ceremony.*



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Crossbred Gilt Weight Limit: 375 lbs. or less with a 15 lb. weigh-back.

All gilts and barrows are released at the completion of the awards ceremony on Saturday.

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**National Western
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Denver, Colo.
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**NJS A
Southeast Regional**
Perry, Ga.
Jan. 24-28, 2018



WPX Junior National
Des Moines, Iowa
June 4-10, 2017



**National Junior
Summer Spectacular**
Louisville, Ky.
July 3-8, 2017



**NJS A
Southwest Regional**
Woodward, Okla.
Sept. 1-3, 2017



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Sept. 9-10, 2017



**NJS A
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Hamburg, N.Y.
Oct. 5-7, 2017



American Royal
Kansas City, Mo.
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**North American
International
Livestock Exposition**
Louisville, Ky.
Nov. 4-6, 2017



**NJS A
Western Regional**
Paso Robles, Calif.
Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2017



Arizona National
Phoenix, Ariz.
Dec. 27, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018

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Where in the **WORLD IS NSR?**



By Dr. Doug Newcom

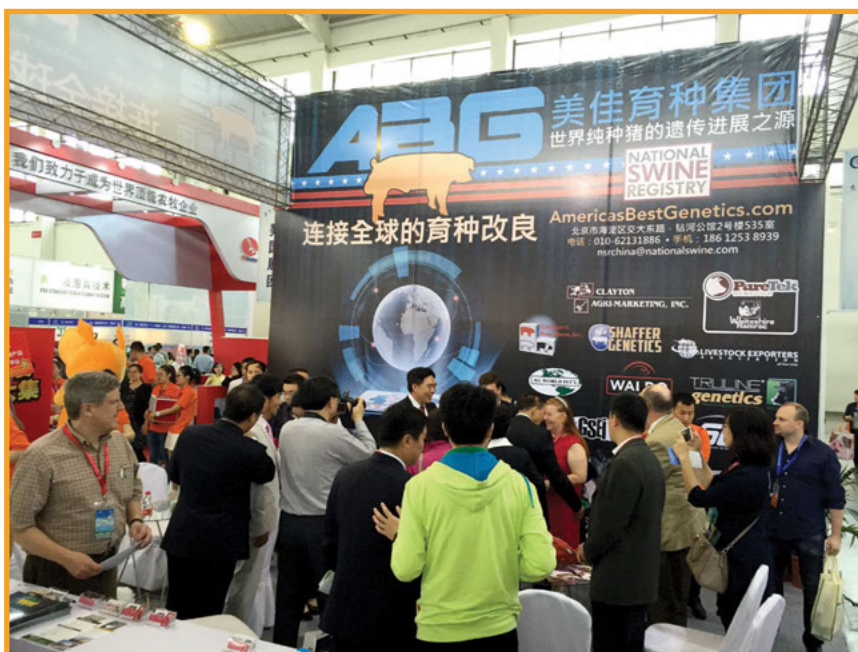


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America's Best Genetics serves two main clientele groups. Their domestic customers are United States commercial swine producers who utilize purebred breeding stock to produce commercial market pigs. Internationally, ABG serves a different role, by providing breeding stock to seedstock suppliers looking to upgrade their genetic base with superior U.S. purebred genetics. America's Best Genetics also provides production management services, in addition to genetic service, through the STAGES™ genetic evaluation system.

The International Marketing and Promotion program, of the NSR, strives to bring value to its members who are involved in the export and international business. We accomplish this by coordinating seminars and technical service training events with US-based organizations who target similar prospects, such as the U.S. Grains Council, Soybean Export Council, State Departments of Agriculture, personnel in foreign-based Agricultural Trade Offices (ATO) located in embassies and consulates around the world and our members' international partner herds. The NSR also provides an opportunity for our membership to exhibit at the largest animal-related trade shows in the world, and even smaller, more regional shows in China. These include the China Animal Husbandry Expo, VIV Asia and Eurotier (go ahead and Google these – the size and scale of these events will blow your mind).

Several ABG members are exporters, and market directly to international clientele for "spot sales." They secure orders for purebred U.S. genetics and then work with ABG breeder



A group of visitors from the United States Consulate in Shenyang, China, visit the ABG booth at the China Animal Husbandry Expo, the largest animal expo in China.



Dr. Doug Newcom (center left) and Dr. Mike Lemmon from Whiteshire/Hamroc visit the Zhejiang-Whiteshire farm in China.

members to supply the needed breeding stock. These types of sales can be highly dependent upon cost, not only for the animals, but also fuel, transportation and currency exchange rate all play a role in the cost of international shipments. Additionally, the cost is also reliant upon the health and quarantine requirements of the importing country. Certain countries have closed their borders to the U.S., in the past, for what they deem as threats to their livestock industry. The most recent of these bans is China's closure to imported pigs from the U.S. and Canada during the summer of 2014, due to concerns over the PED virus. Events such as border closures, or worse yet, a swine health scare in the U.S. can have devastating impacts on the export business.

While exporting good hogs is advantageous, building long-term relationships and developing a sustainable revenue stream, by providing expert production management and genetic services, is crucial. Whiteshire-Hamroc Genetics, Waldo Genetics, and Shaffer Genetics have developed joint-venture partnerships with international herds, to supply some form of production management and/or genetic service. These relationships provide a revenue stream back to these specific NSR members. For those members providing genetic services to their partner herds, NSR provides access to STAGES™ and genetic consultation and follows-up to make sure implementation of genetic results culminates in rapid genetic improvement. Joint-venture herds can be populated from purebred genetics imported from the U.S. or, more recently, from an existing pedigreed NSR partner herd in-country. This method takes the volatility of the export business out of the equation.



A Chinese export selection team selecting pigs for shipment.

Since the first International Certificate of Registry was issued by ABG, in 2009, the number of litters recorded internationally has grown to nearly 25% of the total litters registered within NSR annually. Currently, all international litters are recorded in China. However, discussions are being had and relationships are being built to expand the reach of NSR's genetic services to places like Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines. All of this is no accident. The foundation laid by Dr. Clint Schwab and Dr. Justin Fix, during their tenure with NSR, has continued to be built upon by Dr. Doug Newcom, NSR VP of Global Technical Service. As his title implies, Newcom spends quite a bit of his time working on developing the NSR International Program. Since coming to NSR, in the middle of 2013, Newcom has made trips to Korea, Vietnam (4), Thailand (2), Germany

(2), Taiwan, and the Philippines (3). However, Dr. Newcom has spent a majority of his time overseas traveling to China – he has made that trip a whopping 18 times in just four years!

The international business for NSR and its members is no different than any other business. You have to have a great product and/or service to offer, promote the advantages and remain active in the market. Newcom says, "There are several of my trips that are more about simply showing up (remaining active in the market) than they are about doing any actual promotion or marketing. The prospective clientele are really impressed by a degree and a title, so when they call I go."



Dr. Doug Newcom presents the first ABG pedigree to Shanghai-Sunsing, a joint-venture partner of Shaffer Genetics, Inc.

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SHOW DAD

Spotlight

Dan Meeker

Hometown: Manito, Ill.

Family: Amanda (Wife), Griffin (Son), Amelia & Evan (Daughters)

Favorite show to attend: All of them

What is your favorite stock show memory?: 2013 NJSS Champion Duroc Gilt combining to set the record of \$25,000 at the time. Also watching the kids show for the first time of their life. Realizing the opportunities that my wife and I can provide them with the chance to participate. Knowing that so many other kids don't have the opportunity by simply not being associated with agriculture and the swine industry.

Best place you've ever eaten while at a show?: The Iowa Machine Shed is a routine for the World Pork Expo trip. The Cracker Barrels are the go to for breakfast no matter what show we are headed to.

Funniest/craziest/strangest thing that's ever happened to you at a show?: At Perry, Ga., Randal Buck telling me my trailer was hit in the parking lot due to my parking location and he asking if the guy got a hold of me, while I was entering the ring with the kids to show. Which was a prank the whole time. Another was losing my phone or it being stolen at Louisville while loading out. We tried to locate it with my iPad and then the older truck, at the time, overheated when it was well over a heat index of 100 degrees. The wife and kids were not happy.

What is the most valuable lesson you hope your children learn by showing livestock?: If the Meeker kids can learn the discipline to push themselves to be competitive and find a way on their own to be successful whether it's showmanship, driving for a win, skillathon, or flag football at a show I would consider it

a valuable lesson. I am also hopeful that they learn how to communicate at all levels and stages with people all across and use NJSA to help them gain knowledge and wisdom.

What do you enjoy the most about watching your kids show?: How they show pride and confidence the older they get, every time they go to the ring. Watching and teaching them from a young age and the fact they have grown and are getting better every year is awesome.

What do you do to prepare at home before you head to a show?: We have walking check-in to get the pigs in shape and finish that exercise with marshmallows and vanilla wafers. An occasional water fight can happen in the warmer months. Just before we leave there is a hard blue case container that has all documents needed to check in and also a checklist. The checklist has been a work in progress since 2007. It is three pages of every possible thing someone may need to have in order to have a successful show and trip.

What advice do you have for other show dads?: Always remember your children and your friends' children are watching you. So if you decide to act unprofessional, negative, or down right rude if something doesn't go your way be prepared to see your children act that way in the future. Your actions at some point taught them how to act and they watched you do it and they think it must be okay! Keep it positive and good things will happen!

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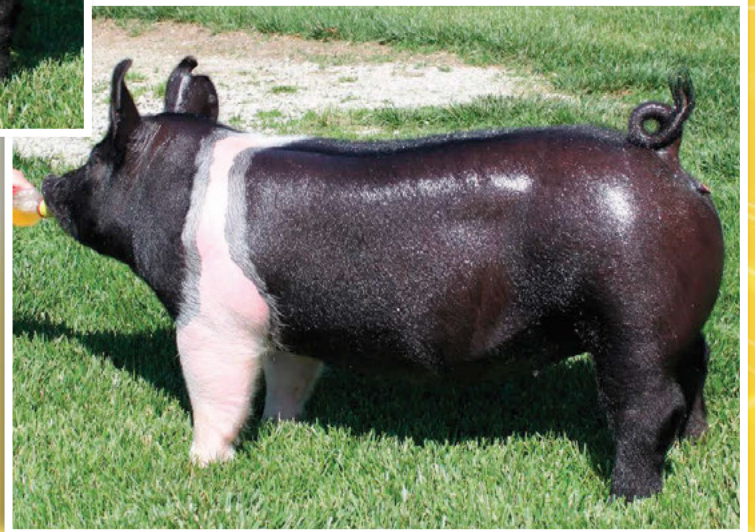


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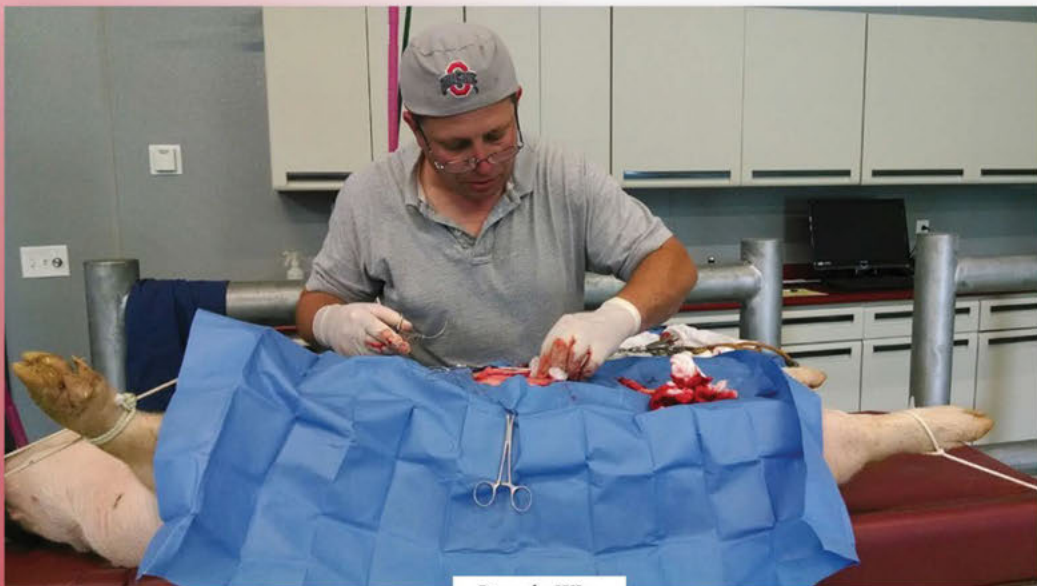


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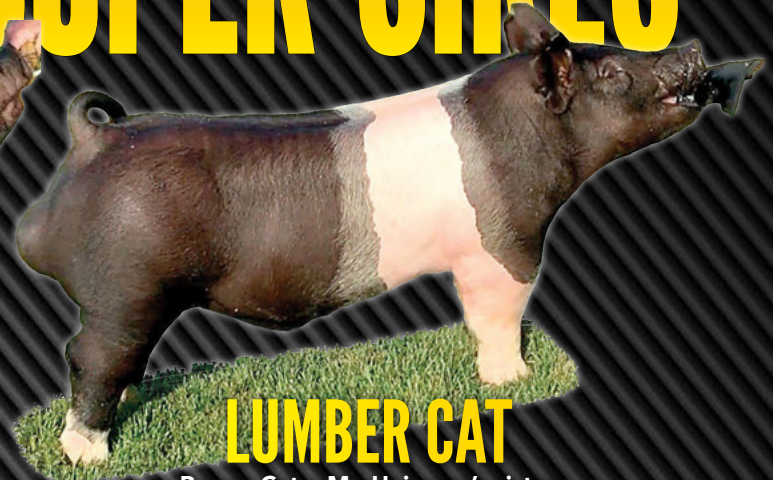
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